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Pike fare cap required

Gov. Ed Rendell wants to lease the toll road to raise transportation money.

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HARRISBURG – Any private company winning a contract to lease the Pennsylvania Turnpike will have to agree to limits on fare hikes, Gov. Ed Rendell said today.

"There's no need for gnashing of teeth on the turnpike," Rendell said at a news conference.

The governor was asked about fare caps in response to recent predictions by privatization opponents that fares will double or even triple under private ownership and the fact that many lawmakers have the turnpike running through their districts.

Rendell has proposed a longterm lease of the turnpike to raise more than $1 billion a year for transportation funding statewide.

Rendell said the fare hikes by a private company would have to track – and not exceed – the fare hikes already planned by the turnpike commission as part of a law enacted last year to raise money for highways, bridges and mass transit.

The turnpike's fares are expected to increase to 25 percent next year and by about three percent in subsequent years under Act 44.

Act 44 is in jeopardy, some lawmakers believe, because there is a risk the federal government might not approve a plan to toll Interstate 80 in northern Pennsylvania. The I-80 revenue would have produced about one-third of the money needed for Act 44. The proposed tolling of I-80 has sparked anger by area residents.

Roy Kienitz, Rendell's deputy chief of staff, said the governor plans to solicit bids, review them, and present the best proposal to the Legislature this spring.

Rendell needs legislative approval to sign a contract for a longterm turnpike lease but he can solicit bids on his own.

There is still some flexibility on how much the turnpike will raise fares under Act 44, the transportation funding law. "The truth is they are not locked into that" schedule of 25 percent in 2009 and three percent thereafter, Kienitz said of turnpike officials.

But the limitations Rendell will use with prospective bidders will "bear a strong resemblance" to what the turnpike is now proposing in future fare hikes.

Sewage flowing into Yough

Officials are trying to solve the problem at the Elizabeth Township treatment plant.

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ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP – Engineers for a water treatment plant are working to stop raw sewage from flowing into the lower Youghiogheny River.

The Allegheny County Health Department will issue an order this week demanding the Elizabeth Township Sanitary Authority to devise a corrective action plan.

For more than a year, millions of gallons of raw sewage have been bypassing the Buena Vista treatment plant in Elizabeth Township and seeping into the river.

Guillermo Cole, health department spokesman, said sewage overflows have continued every day since Nov. 25. During that span, more than 95 million gallons of sewage flowed into the river. On Dec. 16, the overflow was measured at 6.3 million gallons.

"Obviously it's unacceptable," Cole said. "There shouldn't be any overflow at all."

The health department has regulatory authority over the treatment plant.

Cole said department representatives met last week with officials from the Elizabeth Township Sanitary Authority, which owns the Buena Vista treatment plant, and the state Department of Environmental Protection.

"We expect to issue an order this week telling them to come up with a plan to fix this problem," Cole said.

Cole said that so far no fish kills or harm to other aquatic life in the river has been reported.

"But certainly, the potential exists for problems to occur," he said.

He said the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County has reported no problems. It takes water from the river in

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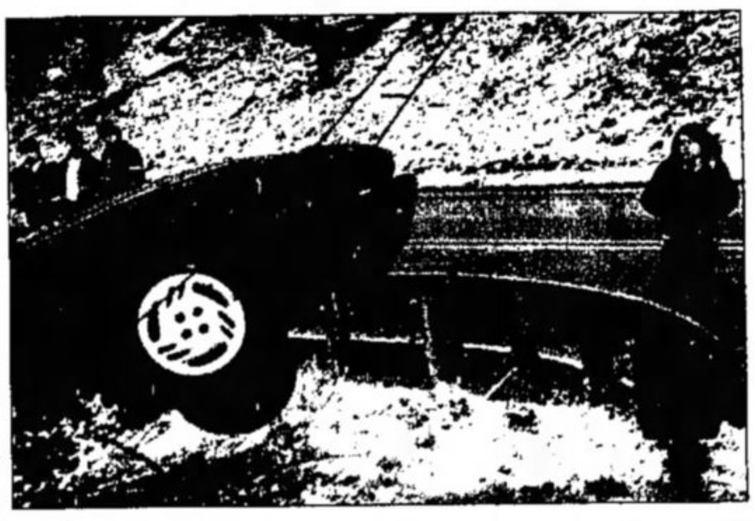

An early Tuesday snowfall led to a number of accidents across the Valley. Top, left, Melissa Bakosh, of Belle Vernon, crashed her car on Tyrol Boulevard in Rostraver Township. At right, a car crashed in North Charleroi. At left, a victim is treated after a rollover crash on Parente Boulevard in Monessen.

Driver dies in accident

Snow- and ice-covered roadways resulted in numerous crashes.

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Following a Tuesday morning snowstorm, there were a number of vehicle accidents throughout the Mid-Mon Valley yesterday and one this morning that resulted in a fatality.

Washington Township police Chief James McCune said a man driving a 2002 Ford Mustang was killed about 12:30 this morning after he lost control of his vehicle and it flipped traveling eastbound on Perryopolis Road.

McCune said the driver was trapped in the vehicle after it struck a utility pole, landed on its wheels after rolling over, and caught fire.

The accident is under investigation but it appears icy road conditions played a role, McCune said.

He said police are investigating if the driver was wearing a seat belt or speeding.

McCune said the driver was pronounced dead at the scene.

The chief said the victim's name would not be released until the family was notified.

Washington Township police were assisted by the North Belle Vernon and Southwest Regional departments.

Washington Township, Fayette City and Perryopolis fire departments and Rostraver-West Newton Emergency Medical Services were at the scene.

In Monessen, police and firefighters were on opposite ends of the city with nearly simultaneous accidents. At 10:04 a.m. a 52-year-old woman lost control of her car on Route 906 near the Charleroi-Monessen bridge.

At 10:15 a.m. on Parente Boulevard, a man lost control of his car because of icy conditions. The car flipped onto its roof and the trapped driver had to be freed by firefighters.

At presstime, the drivers' names were not available. Both motorists were taken to Monongahela Valley Hospital in Carroll Township for treatment.

In nearby Rostraver Township, police and firefighters responded to a one-vehicle accident at 11 a.m. Tuesday on Tyrol Boulevard.

Police said Melissa Bakosh, 23, of 328 Matthews Road, Belle Vernon, lost control of her 1998 Saturn on the ice-covered road. The car slid into a drainage ditch and flipped onto its roof. Police said she was not injured.

Forward Township police reported two accidents along Rainbow Run Road Tuesday.

A silver Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Tami Tyron, of Monongahela, slid on the snow-covered road, striking a guard rail near the intersection with Bunola River Road.

Tyron was transported to Magee-Womens Hospital in Pittsburgh by

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Pitt fan Ron Bill discusses the chance, wrong number telephone call he received from Joe Paterno's wife, Sue.
Jim Furmen/The Valley Independent

'SuPa' call takes cake

Joe Paterno's wife placed a wrong number call to a Monessen auto body shop.

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MONESSEN – Ron Bill has been in the auto body and car rental business for a long time.

And over the years, he has received some strange calls at Ron Bill Auto Body on Tyrol Boulevard.

However, he is still talking about the strangest call of all – received not long ago.

It is, without a doubt, the most famous wrong number call he has ever received.

"It was about five minutes after 5 and I had just locked up," he said of the late afternoon call. "My phone rang, and I had no intention of answering it because I was going home.

"However, I looked at the caller

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VALLEY PEOPLE

Tax assessement change possible

The decision likely will be made by the newest Fayette commissioner.

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UNIONTOWN – Fayette County Chairman Vincent Zapotosky likely will be the tie-breaker Thursday, when the three county commissioners will decide whether to continue hearing tax assessment appeals themselves or to appoint an independent board.

The commissioners are leaning 2-1 for establishing the independent body.

The appeals board hears and rules on property owners' appeals regarding their properties' assessed value. Assessed value determines property taxes.

In 2004, Commissioner Angela Zimmerlink and former Commissioner Joseph A. Hardy III voted that the commissioners would serve as the appeals board.

Commissioner Vincent Vicites at that time voted against the measure, preferring to keep an independent board.

That preference continues, Vicites said after a commissioners' agenda meeting Tuesday. Only this time, Vicites will probably have the support of Zapotosky, a fellow Democrat who took office in January. Zimmerlink said yesterday that she still believes appeal hearings are part of the commissioners' role.

"I'm leaning toward independent" members, Zapotosky said.

Three appointees would each serve a four-year term on the board.

Fayette County Chief Assessor James A. Hercik told commissioners yesterday he expected no more than 10 to 15 days of appeals this year. More than 20 appeals can be heard per day.

Five years ago, when the first reassessment since 1958 was conducted, 10,000 appeals were heard. In addition to the main appeals board, commissioners said, four auxiliary boards were formed to handle them all.

The county is conducting reassessments in five-year cycles, Hercik said, so they don't get out of date again.

Reassessment notices will be mailed to property owners in the spring of 2009 and appeals heard that summer and fall, Hercik said.

"I don't believe we will have anywhere near the appeals we had in the past," he said.

The public has become more educated, and the county's Web site explains the assessment process, he said.

"You remember, Jim, we never thought we'd get 10,000 appeals," the last time, Vicites said. "We really don't know how many we will get."

The last time board members were appointed, Hercik said after the meeting, each member was paid $100 per day. For 2008, that would cost a maximum of $4,500, he said.

In Westmoreland County, three board members are paid annual salaries of about $51,000. Most counties in Southwestern Pennsylvania pay their assessment appeal board members on a per-diem basis, according to information provided by the counties.

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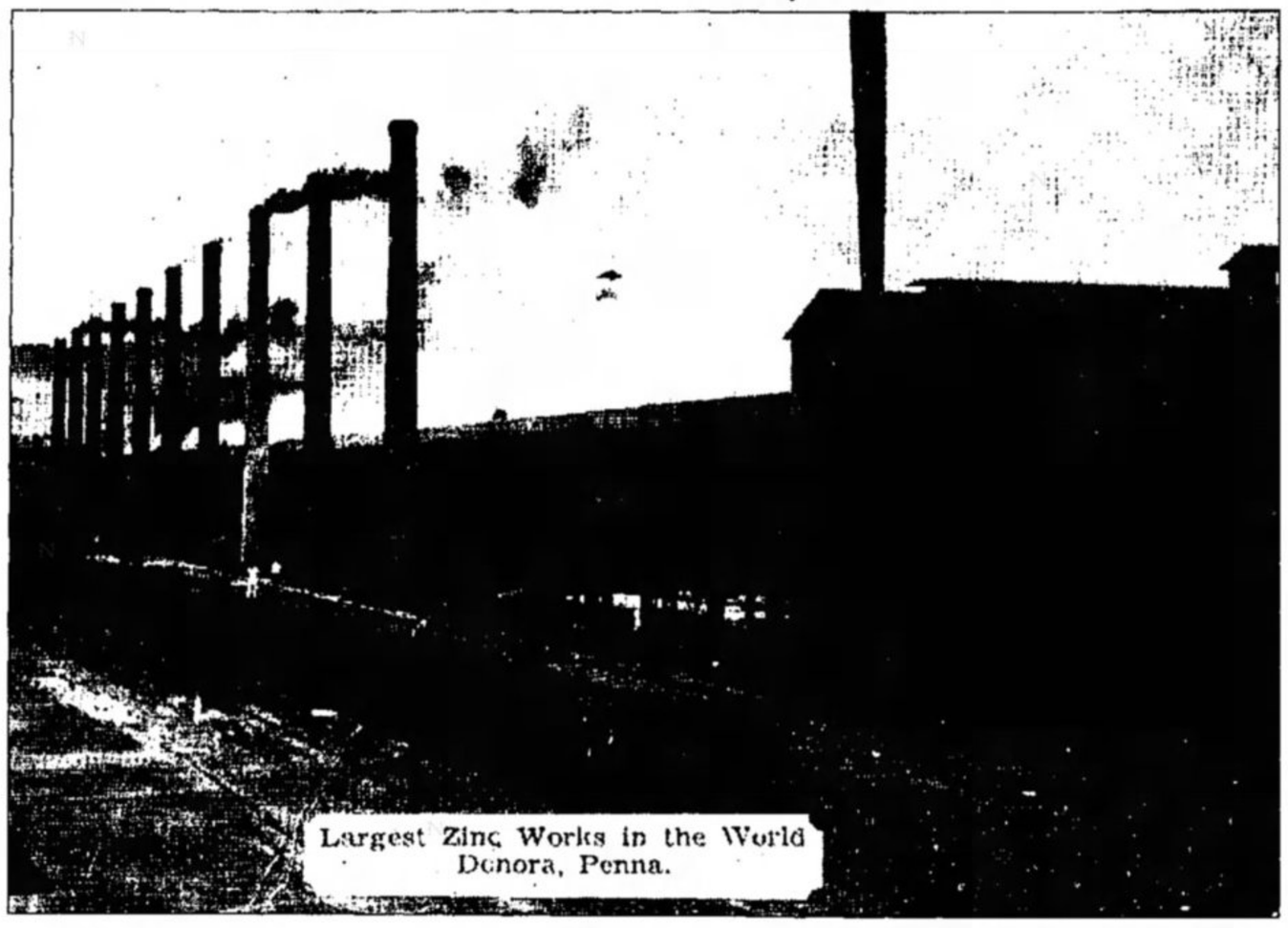

This undated postcard boasted the "Largest Zinc Works in the World, Donora, Penna." The image is credited to C.E. Glinka, a Donora photographer. The photo was submitted by Marian Riley, of Donora.

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Obesity surgery helps diabetes victims

Researchers have found an added benefit to the gastric bypass procedure.

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO – A new study gives the strongest evidence yet that obesity surgery can cure diabetes.

Patients who had surgery to reduce the size of their stomachs were five times more likely to see their diabetes disappear over the next two years than were patients who had standard diabetes care, according to Australian researchers.

Most of the surgery patients were able to stop taking diabetes drugs and achieve normal blood tests.

"It's the best therapy for diabetes that we have today, and it's very low risk," said the study's lead author, Dr. John Dixon of Monash University Medical School in Melbourne, Australia.

The patients had stomach band surgery, a procedure more common in Australia than in the United States, where gastric bypass surgery, or stomach stapling, predominates.

Gastric bypass is even more effective against diabetes, achieving remission in a matter of days or a month, said Dr. David Cummings, who wrote an accompanying editorial in the journal but was not involved in the study.

"We have traditionally considered diabetes to be a chronic, progressive disease," said Cummings of the University of Washington in Seattle. "But these operations really do represent a realistic hope for curing most patients."

Diabetes experts who read the study said surgery should be considered for some obese patients, but more research is needed to see how long results last and which patients benefit most. Surgery risks should be weighed against diabetes drug side effects and the long-term risks of diabetes itself, they said.

Experts generally agree that weight-loss surgery would never be appropriate for diabetics who are not obese, and current federal guidelines restrict the surgery to obese people.

The diabetes benefits of weight-loss surgery were known, but the Australian study in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association is the first of its kind to compare diabetes in patients randomly assigned to surgery or standard care. Scientists consider randomized studies to yield the highest-quality evidence.

The study involved 55 patients, so experts will be looking for results of larger experiments under way.

"Few studies really qualify as being a landmark study. This one is," said Dr. Philip Schauer, who was not involved in the Australian research but leads a Cleveland Clinic study that is recruiting 150 obese people with diabetes to compare two types of surgery and standard medical care.

"This opens an entirely new way of thinking about diabetes."

Obesity is a major risk factor for diabetes, and researchers are furiously pursuing reasons for the link as rates for both climb.

Driver (FROM PAGE ONE)

family members. No information on her condition was available at presstime.

Victoria Litterini-Smith, of Elizabeth, told police her silver Volkwagen Beetle slid on the snow-cover road near the intersection with Hayden Boulevard, striking a guard rail. She was not injured.

State police at the barracks in Rostraver Township said a vehicle driven by Adam E. Lilliock, of West Newton, traveled off the edge of state Route 31 in South Huntingdon Township, causing the vehicle to roll on to its roof. The driver was taken to Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh. No information on his condition was available at presstime.

Police and firefighters responded to a two-vehicle accident Tuesday on Old Route 71 near Fox Stop Road in Fallowfield Township. No additional information was available at presstime.

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McKeesport, located about 10 miles from the Buena Vista plant's discharge pipe.

The Elizabeth Township Sanitary Authority also provides sewage service to customers in Sutersville and parts of Sewickley Township in Westmoreland County and parts of Forward Township in Allegheny County.

Cole said it isn't clear what has caused the sewage overflows.

"That's the $64,000 question right now," he said.

Bill McKeever, vice president of Senate Engineering, the township's Harmar-based engineering firm, said the system treats less than one million gallons of sewage each day, which could mean that some of the overflow sewage isn't making it to the plant.

"We expect that there is a breach in the system and based on the spikes of different levels we're getting, there is a direct correlation between the overflows and rainfall," McKeever said.

He said officials are monitoring the flows and trying to pinpoint the problem.

"We're developing a plan of action right now," he said.

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ID just for the heck of it and it said, 'Paterno.' I said to myself that I had to answer this one to see what it was about."

When Bill picked up the phone and said, "'Hello," a female on the other end immediately said, "I found the cake pan."

Bill said he was stunned by the comment.

"Excuse me?" he responded

Again, the woman said, "I found the cake pan."

Bill told the caller she probably had the wrong phone number, and she rattled off the number she intended to call.

"She had nine of the 10 numbers right," he said. "I told her she definitely had the wrong number and she apologized.

"I then asked her if this was 'the Paterno.' And she said, 'That's my husband, Joe. This is his wife, Sue.' I couldn't believe it."

Bill said he laughed and then told the Penn State coaching legend's wife he would gladly bake a cake for her himself because he was thrilled she called his number.

They both laughed about the chance conversation.

"We talked briefly, and she asked where I was at, and I told her Monessen, and she said she knew where Monessen was because she used to live in Latrobe," Bill said.

After the surprising call, Bill said he couldn't wait to call his brother and a couple other friends to tell them about it.

Bill said he never thought about telling the media because he respected the Paternos' privacy.

However, he changed his mind.

"It's been a little while, and a lot of people have heard the story, and things have died down," he said.

The funny thing about getting a call from the Penn State football coach's wife is that Bill is not a big Nittany Lions fan.

"I root for them when they play teams from outside the state, but I'm basically a Pitt fan," he said with a laugh.

Did he convey to Sue Paterno that for him, Pitt is it?

"Uh, no," he said.

But Bill added that he was surprised someone as famous as Joe Paterno would have a listed phone number.

"I checked online and, sure enough, Joe Paterno's number is in there. That's pretty wild," he said.

Valley briefs

Kiddie porn puts Duffy behind bars

A federal judge on Tuesday sentenced a former weekend anchor on local sports talk radio and announcer at collegiate and professional games to more than four years in prison on child pornography charges.

U.S. District Judge Alan N. Bloch sentenced John Duffy, of Carnegie, to 51 months in prison on one count of possessing computer images and videos depicting the sexual exploitation of a minor

Duffy was a weekend anchor on ESPN Radio 1250.

He used to serve as a public announcer at University of Pittsburgh and Penguins games.

Turnpike flow to be interrupted

Turnpike drivers will be temporarily stopped at times overnight tonight and into early Thursday near New Stanton and encounter lane closings near Oakmont on today.

Traffic is scheduled to be stopped in both directions for up to 15 minutes at a time near New Stanton, between 11 tonight and 3 a.m. Thursday.

The stops will allow workers to do work on overhead signs west of the New Stanton exit.

One lane of the turnpike was set to close in each direction near the Oakmont plaza between 9:30 this morning and 2:30 this afternoon so workers could repair potholes.

Courthouse history topic of lecture

A lecture celebrating the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Westmoreland County Courthouse will be held at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12 at St. Vincent College in Unity.

Michael D. Carey, a professor of history and political science at Seton Hill University, and Timothy Kelly, chairman of the history department at St. Vincent, will present the program.

They serve as editors of the book, "This American Courthouse."

The courthouse, the fourth such building on Main Street in Greensburg, was designed by William Kauffman and dedicated on Jan. 31, 1908, according to a news release.

The program, sponsored by the Westmoreland County Historical Society and St. Vincent College, is free.

A $50,000 gift from the late Harold and Hazel Lauerman resulted in many improvements at the pavilion in Palmer Park, Donora, which has been named for the couple. Pictured at the recent dedication are, from left: Hazel Lauerman's great-nephew Ross Ruth, with his parents, Burt and Patty Ruth, Donora Mayor John Lignelli and Councilmen Tom Kostolansky and Don Pavelko.

Late couple's estate provides funds for park improvements

A devoted Donora couple left their memory in the borough they loved.

A gift from the late Harold W. and Hazel R. Lauerman enabled renovation and expansion of the concession stand at the center of Palmer Park.

Refurbishing included an 8-foot extension of the building and the addition of a 20-foot covered dining area, a new red steel roof, a new stone facade, antique-style light posts, a paved apron and landscaping.

Emma Jene LELIK

"The new Lauerman Pavilion will be a great addition for the summer of 2008," Mayor John Lignelli said.

The dedication was held recently at the park with relatives of Hazel Ruth Lauerman's family and borough officials present.

Both Harold and Hazel were born in Donora.

Hazel taught at the former Sampson Star Elementary School all her adult life. She was a fourth grade teacher and later became head teacher at the school.

Harold was a journalist during his military duty. After his discharge, the couple returned to Donora and Harold wrote sports for the former *Donora Herald-American* newspaper.

He later worked in the publications department of the H.J. Heinz Co. in Pittsburgh and retired from the administrative offices (as treasurer) of the Sara Mellon Scaife Foundation.

Hazel was known as a caring and devoted teacher.

She followed her young students' careers with dedication and found herself in the middle of a situation when two of her former students were playing for rival football teams.

"She was photographed with Fred Cox of Notre Dame and Angelo Dabiero of Pitt when the two schools played each other in Pittsburgh," said her nephew, William Ruth, who has the picture.

Hazel's brother and sister-in-law, Howard and Vivian Ruth, reside in Monongahela. They are former Donorans.

Harold and Hazel did not have children of their own, but doted on their two nephews - William Ruth and his wife, Toni, who live in New Castle, and Burt Ruth and his wife, Patty, who reside in Monongahela.

Harold and Hazel, who never moved from Donora, built a house on Second Street Extension in 1960.

Hazel died Sept. 18, 1999, and her husband passed away Nov. 7, 2000.

In addition to the $50,000 left by the Lauermans for improvements at the park they loved, the couple also gave $200,000 to Donora Public Library.

Contest seeking pet 'superstars' helps education

Readers can showcase their pets while supporting our Newspapers in Education program.

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Is your pet the most adorable in the Mid-Mon Valley?

Pet lovers now have the opportunity to show off their furry friends and help *The Valley Independent's* Newspapers in Education program by participating in the "2008 Pet Superstar" contest.

NIE is a proven program that brings newspapers into Valley classrooms as an educational tool.

Each week, 11,000 students from the Valley benefit from the NIE program. Those who support the NIE program provide newspapers for students in the Belle Vernon Area, California Area, Charleroi Area, Elizabeth-Forward, Frazier, Monessen and Ringgold school districts.

The NIE program also provides *The Valley Independent* to adult and youth programs through the General Equivalency Diploma Remedial program, Community Action Southwest and Mon Valley Academy.

The newspapers are also used as job training tools.

Entering the contest is easy.

Participants can look for the entry form in *The Valley Independent* or enter via our website at www.valleyindependent.com/petsuperstar.

Photos of your beloved pets and the entry forms can be downloaded via the website.

Color or black-and-white photos of your pets can be mailed or dropped off, along with a completed entry form and a $10 donation to *The Valley Independent,* Pet Superstar, Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa. 15062.

Donations are to be made payable to "*Valley Independent* NIE."

Valley Independent readers will cast their votes for their favorite pet photos by ballots made available in the newspaper or in our main lobby.

The first-place prize package will be valued at $250, second place will be worth $100 and the third place package will be worth $50.

The contest will consist of three voting rounds.

The first round will begin Feb. 11 and voting will end at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 22.

Round two will consist of voting for the top vote getters and begin on March 4 through 4:30 p.m. March 14.

The top vote getters from that round will move on to round three.

Voting for round three will begin March 18 and end at 4:30 p.m. March 28.

Winners will be announced April 8.

All of the participants will be recognized in the "NIE thank you" advertisement that will be published in the newspaper's Young Voices section.

The Valley Independent's Young Voices section is dedicated to helping high school and budding journalists at California University of Pennsylvania showcase their writing talents.

The NIE program relies on the support of corporate and local sponsors.

To donate to the NIE program, contact Assistant Circulation Director Lori Byron at (724) 684-2644 or email her at lbyron@tribweb.com

Social service agencies issue gambling SOS

Resources seen lacking to deal with as many as 10,000 problem gamblers who'll need help when new casino opens.

By MIKE WERESCHAGIN
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Social service agencies in Allegheny County aren't ready for as many as 10,000 problem gamblers who could need help next year after the Majestic Star Casino opens, according to a University of Pittsburgh report released Tuesday.

About 75 percent of the 137 agencies surveyed for the report don't treat or screen for problem gamblers, who make up as much as 2 percent of all gamblers, researchers said. Statewide, researchers estimate there are 97,000 problem gamblers and about 10,000 in Allegheny County.

The researchers, from the university's School of Social Work, urged county and state leaders to figure out how many problem gamblers are in the area. They said the $1.5 million set aside statewide to treat them is not enough.

"The problems related to gambling will be in Pittsburgh very soon," said Larry Davis, dean of the School of Social Work. "There's still time to do something about them."

Majestic Star Casino, expected to open on the North Shore in May 2009, anticipates eventually making more than $1 million a day, owner Don Barden has said. State and local governments will get 55 percent of that profit, and the money is earmarked for property tax relief and paying down Pittsburgh International Airport's debt, among other things.

The minimum $1.5 million set aside to help treat gambling addicts across the state will amount to about $15.45 per problem gambler, said Daniel Rosen, one of the researchers. Other places set aside far more, Rosen said.

He pointed to Ontario, Canada, which levies a 2 percent tax on casinos to pay for social services. In Pennsylvania, a 2 percent social services tax would have raised nearly $30 million in 2007, according to state Gaming Control Board records.

"At the moment, there's really no way to tell how much of a problem we're going to have," said Chuck Ardo, Gov. Ed Rendell's spokesman. "The governor has said that if, in the future, there is a need to increase funding for programs dealing with problem gambling, then he will consider it."

The state is finalizing plans on how to release the treatment money it has, said Robin Rothermel, director of the state Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs, in the state Department of Health. Officials

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RECORDS

DEATH NOTICES

HOLLOWAY — Brenda E. Holloway, of San Diego, Calif., formerly of Donora, on Wednesday, Jan. 9. House of Jackson Memorial Chapel, Donora.

KEEFER - Heidi Marie Keefer, 26, of Hiller, on Tuesday, Jan. 22. Novak Funeral Home, Brownsville.*

McMULLEN — Gerald C. McMullen, on Saturday, Dec. 29.*

PURKS — Ferne E. Purks, 89, of Monessen, on Saturday, Jan. 19. Robert A. Billick Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

SNOW - John W. Snow, 74, of Monongahela (Forward Township), on Monday, Jan. 21. Frye Funeral Home Inc., Monongahela.*

WALENTA — Wanda Walenta, 90, of Charleroi, on Tuesday, Jan. 22. Schrock-Hogan Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., Charleroi.*

PREVIOUS DEATHS:
DiFLORIO, Audrey A.*
SILBAUGH, Ralph*
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Ferne E. Purks
Monessen

Ferne Evelyn Braddock Purks, 89, of Monessen, died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008, in Mt. St. Macrina Manor, Uniontown. Born June 18, 1918, she was the daughter of the late Guy John and Clemmie Stevenson Braddock. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Monessen. Mrs. Purks was employed by the following businesses: G.C. Murphy, Holiday Restaurant, Somerset Daily American Newspaper and the Monessen School District as a teacher's aide. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Edison Purks; and one sister, Gene Audrey Crise. She is survived by one son, Guy Purks, of Oakland, Calif.; one daughter and son-in-law, Ferne and John Markatan, of Brownsville; two grandsons, Mark (Emily) Gush and Shane (Stephanie) Gush, and one granddaughter, Ferne (John) Panepinto, all of California, Pa.; 10 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Ruth Richwine, of Monessen. Family and friends are invited to attend services on Friday, Jan. 25, at 11 a.m. in First Christian Church, Sixth Street, Monessen. Memorial contributions can be made to: Alzheimer's Association, 1011 Old Salem Rd., Greensburg, Pa. 15601. The family wishes to thank the wonderful staff at Mt. St. Macrina Manor and Hearth 1 unit. The ROBERT A. BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC., Grand Boulevard and Marion Avenue, Monessen (724-684-3700) has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Ralph Silbaugh
Fallowfield Township

Ralph Silbaugh, 94, of Fallowfield Township, died Monday, Jan. 21, 2008, in the Mount Vernon Assisted Living Residence, Elizabeth. He was born Feb. 13, 1913, in Gibson, a son of the late Charles and Eleanor Umbel Silbaugh. He was a 50-year member of the Fallowfield Township Grange, a charter member of the Junior Mechanics, a member of the Wheeling-Pittsburgh Allenport Plant Retirees, a member and former trustee of S.O.A.R and a member of the AARP. Mr. Silbaugh was a former employee of the Hillman Coal Co. from 1926 to 1941. He also was a sub mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service (rural area) and was retired from Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Co., Allenport Plant, where he worked from 1941 to 1976. Mr. Silbaugh is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Linda (Bob) Hodgson, and Karen Kon; one son, Vernon (Susan) Silbaugh; six grandchildren, Terri (Ron) Weber, Dana (Kevin) Auld, Jeff (Yvone) Kon, Andrew Silbaugh, Amy (Terry) Ventorini and Christina (Gino) Cristaldi; eight great-grandchildren; one sister, Gertrude Silbaugh; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Mr. Silbaugh was preceded in death by his wife, Belva Sharpnack Silbaugh; two brothers, Springer and John Silbaugh; and four sisters, Mae Workman, Mary Wilburn, Hazel Silbaugh and Margaret Silbaugh. Friends will be received Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the SCHROCK-HOGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES INC., (www.schrock-hogan.com), 216 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, where services will be Thursday, Jan. 24, at 11 a.m. Interment will be in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora. The family has requested memorial contributions be made to the American Heart Association in memory of Mr. Silbaugh.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

John W. Snow
Monongahela (Forward Township)

John William Snow, 74, of Monongahela (Forward Township), died unexpectedly on Monday, Jan. 21, 2008, in Monongahela Valley Hospital. He was born May 4, 1933, in Lawrence, a son of the late Seaman and Rebecca Munsick Snow. He was formerly employed at Liggett Spring and Axle Company for 29 years. In May 1995, he retired from Jefferson Hospital, where he worked in the logistics department. Mr. Snow was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean War, a member of the Carroll Legion, James C. Ford Post 949 in Dunkirk, and a social member of the Elizabeth Volunteer Fire Company. John was a jack-of-all-trades and loved to play pool. He also loved to fish and was a loyal Pittsburgh sports fan. John was truly loved by all who knew him. He is survived by three daughters, Jean Snow, of Ruffsdale, Tina (Bill) Bradley, of Gilbert, Ariz., and Peggy (Eugene) Marraccini, of Bunola; one son, John (Billie) Snow Jr., of Belle Vernon; seven grandchildren, Michael Snow, Michele Rhodes, George, Joseph and Kandis Barno, and Samantha and Madison Snow; eight great-grandchildren; one sister, Mary Salaske, of Finleyville; and two brothers, twins Donald Snow, of McMurray, and Ronald Snow, of New Jersey. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Odessa Adams Snow, on Aug. 14, 2007; two sisters, and one brother. Friends will be received Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., 427 West Main St., Monongahela (724-258-6136), where services will be held Saturday, Jan. 26, at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Raymond Ursin officiating. Committal services and interment will follow in Finleyville Cemetery with full military honors accorded at the grave by the Monongahela Firing Squad and Honor Guard. Memorial contributions may be made to: Father Flanagan's Boys Town, P.O. Box 7000, Boys Town, Neb. 68010.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Wanda Walenta
Charleroi

Wanda Walenta, 90, of Charleroi, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008, in the Oakhill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Greensburg. She was born Nov. 8, 1917, in Charleroi, a daughter of the late Walter and Barbara Ciszewski Philipkosky. Mrs. Walenta was a member of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish in Charleroi, the New Smyrna Beach AARP and a charter member of the Pennsylvania Club of Daytona. She is survived by two sisters, Stella Bandini and Helen Regula, both of Charleroi; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Walenta was preceded in death by her husband, Norman Walenta, on May 24, 1994; two sisters, Eleanor Buraczewski and Sabina Nemcheck; and three brothers, John, Edward and Walter Philipkosky. Friends will be received Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. in the SCHROCK-HOGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES INC., (www.schrock.hogan.com), 226 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, Jan. 25, at 10:30 a.m. in Mary, Mother of the Church. Interment will follow in Monongahela Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Audrey A. DiFlorio
Boynton Beach, Fla. Formerly of Monessen

Audrey A. DiFlorio, 69, of Boynton Beach, Fla., formerly of Monessen, died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008. Friends will be received Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the DALFONSO-BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC. and CREMATION SERVICES, 441 Reed Ave., Monessen (724-684-8750); www.dalfonso-billick.com. Services will be held Saturday, Jan. 26, beginning with a 9:30 a.m. Blessing in the funeral home, followed by a 10 a.m. Funeral Mass in Epiphany of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church, Monessen. Entombment will follow in the Grandview Cemetery Mausoleum. A complete obituary will appear in Thursday's edition.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Heidi M. Keefer
Hiller

Heidi Marie Keefer, 26, of Hiller, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008, at home. She was born Jan. 19, 1982, the daughter of Cheryl and Robert Keefer. Friends will be received in the NOVAK FUNERAL HOME, 515 Front St., Brownsville, on Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral services will be in the funeral home Friday, Jan. 25, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Barry Stewart and Reverend Diehl officiating. Interment will be in LaFayette Memorial Park, Brier Hill. To sign the on-line guest book or to record a personal condolence, please log on to www.novakfuneralhome.net

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Gerald C. McMullen

Word has been received of the death of Gerald C. McMullen on Saturday, Dec. 29, 2007. He is survived by two daughters, Patricia (Michael) Sudnik and Gerri (Paul) Regazzi; one son-in-law, Michael Hogan; one sister, Diana (Robert) Austin; grandchildren, Jennifer (Mark) Nicholas, Janet Sudnik, Allison (Don) Pang, Michael (Stacie) Hogan Jr., Matthew, Jessica, Georgina, Joseph and Elizabeth Regazzi; four great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

POLICE LOG

California

■ Ronald Workman, 27, of Grindstone, was charged with DUI and several traffic violations including driving while suspended (DUI-related) after a traffic stop 9:31 p.m. Jan. 13 on Liberty Street, police said.

■ Carey Davis, 18, of Brownsville, was cited for Harassment after an incident 12:41 p.m. Sunday at California Terrace, police said.

■ Laura A. Filer, 21, of North Huntingdon, was cited for disorderly conduct 1:50 a.m. Saturday after an incident at J Coles Tavern, police said.

Monessen

■ Charles Dickerson, 39, of 221 Delaware St., Monessen, was picked up on active bench warrants 12:43 a.m. Sunday on Route 906 near Twelfth Street, police said. He was taken to the Westmoreland County Jail.

■ Kimberly Slavic, 41, of 422 Second St., Monessen, was charged with disorderly conduct, public drunkenness and criminal mischief as a result of an incident that took place at B&S Lounge 11:56 p.m. Monday, police said.

State police, Belle Vernon

■ Police are investigating an incident of burglary and criminal mischief at Gary Rable Insurance, 550 National Pike West, West Pike Run Township, during the hours of 4:30 p.m. Jan. 15 and 10:30 a.m. Jan. 16. Someone attempted to pry open the front door, but failed to make entry, police said.

■ A burglary was reported 3:51 a.m. Wednesday at Bernie's Diner, Route 51, Perry Township, after someone forcibly entered through the diner door and removed approximately $100, police said.

State police, Greensburg

Jake Robert Delaney, 19, of West Newton, was charged with underage drinking 7:23 p.m. Wednesday as a result of investigation into a vehicle accident on Mars Hill Road at Pinewood Road in Sewickley Township, police said. Delaney was a passenger in the vehicle involved in the crash.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

IU 1 board plans meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Intermediate Unit 1 board of directors will be held in the board room of the Intermediate Unit 1 Central Office, One Intermediate Unit Drive, Coal Center, 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Carroll Twp. police issue report

The Carroll Township Police Department has released its 2007 report.

The department made 209 criminal arrests, issued 420 traffic citations, patrolled 54,495 miles and used 4,254 gallons of fuel.

The department generated $21,182.32.

The following is a breakdown of 2007 complaints: drug violations, 12; alarms activated, 139; ambulance assists, 30; animal bites, two; animal complaints, 17; assaults, nine; assisted other departments, 282; ATV/motorcycle complaints, 19; bad checks, five; burglaries, 18; check residence, 15; check welfare of a person, 18; civil cases, 51; credit cards, one; criminal mischief 49; criminal trespass, nine; custody disputes, four.

Also, death by natural causes, six; deer hit on the road, 20; disabled vehicles, 56; disorderly people; 36; disturbance calls, 26; dog problems, 18; domestic calls, 67; driving under the influence, 23; false reports/alarms, two; family dispute, seven; fight calls, 11; fire alarms, 38; fireworks, nine; fraud, 14; gun shots, six; guns, three; harassment, 67; hit-and-run, 13; intoxicated people, 13; investigation continuations, three; juvenile problems, 32; littering, three; lockouts, 26.

Also, men or women down, three; mental patients, 30; message delivered, one; miscellaneous, 91; missing people, seven; natural gas leaks, five; natural gas problems, one; neighbor disputes, 11; noise, 16; officer injury, one; open doors, four; overdose, one; parking problems, 22; people fingerprinted, three; pursuits, one; protection from abuse orders served, three; property damaged, 13; property recovered, two; protection from abuse reports, one; prowlers, nine; reckless drivers, 19; recovered stolen guns, two; recovered stolen vehicles, three; repossessed vehicle, one; retail thefts, nine; returned item, one; river incident, one; road hazards, 27; road rage, seven; robbery, one.

Severe weather alert, one; sexual offenses, two; snow - ice problems, five; stabbing, one; stolen vehicles, three; suicide, one; suspicious people, 46; suspicious phone calls, three; suspicious vehicles, 41; terroristic threats, five; theft, 80; towed vehicles, three; traffic accidents, 141; traffic control, 33; traffic stops, 620; transports, five; trees down, 28; township ordinances, 27; unauthorized use of motor vehicles, five; underage drinking, two; VASCAR operations, 27; vehicle code operations, nine; vehicle escorts, 22; wanted people, two; warrant service, nine; water/leak problems eight; and wires down, eight.

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Gambling SOS (FROM PAGE THREE)

hope to give money to counselors - who must have either a state or national certification in gambling addiction treatment - in July, the start of the state's next fiscal year.

With the unspent money from this year, that means they'll have about $3 million to spend in fiscal year 2008-09, Rothermel said.

Unlike drug and alcohol programs, the state plans to give the money to counselors directly, rather than funneling the money through county governments.

"Any willing provider that has (certified) staff on board will be able to enter into a contract with us," Rothermel said, adding that she expects to start accepting applications from health-care providers in March.

"We're basically saying, 'Here's your eligibility requirement. If you meet it, feel free to jump on board,'" she added.

About 17 percent of agencies surveyed by researchers said they planned to train their staffs in the next six months to deal with problem gamblers. Most of the rest said they didn't think problem gambling was something their groups need to deal with.

That's a mistake, given how a gambling problem can quickly help create drug and alcohol abuse or domestic violence problems, said Rafael Engel, another investigator with the study.

"Too many agencies, to us, said that they just didn't see a connection for their agency," Engel said.

"Yet we know problem gambling cuts across every age, gender, ethnicity, racial, class category you can think of. It's not associated with any one category."

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TODAY IN HISTORY

January 23

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 23, the 23rd day of 2008. There are 343 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On Jan. 23, 1968, North Korea seized the Navy intelligence ship USS Pueblo, charging its crew with being on a spying mission. (The crew was released 11 months later.)

On this date:

- In 1789, Georgetown University was established in present-day Washington, D.C.
- In 1845, Congress decided all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.
- In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.
- In 1943, critic Alexander Woollcott suffered a fatal heart attack during a live broadcast of the CBS radio program "People's Platform."
- In 1950, the Israeli Knesset approved a resolution affirming Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.
- In 1973, President Richard Nixon announced an accord had been reached to end the Vietnam War.
- In 1989, surrealist artist Salvador Dali died in his native Spain at age 84.
- In 2002, *Wall Street Journal* reporter Daniel Pearl was abducted in Karachi, Pakistan, by a group demanding the return of prisoners from the Afghan campaign; he was later slain.
- In 2005, former "Tonight Show" host Johnny Carson died in Malibu, Calif., at age 79.
- **Ten years ago**: Fighting scandal allegations involving Monica Lewinsky, President Bill Clinton assured his Cabinet during a meeting that he was innocent and urged them to concentrate on their jobs.
- **Five years ago**: The government of Kuwait said a Kuwaiti had confessed to the shootings of two U.S. defense workers in Kuwait (one worker was killed; the other was wounded). Actress Nell C...r died in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 54.
- **One year ago**: In his State of the Union address, President Bush implored Congress to give his plan to send more U.S. troops to Iraq a chance to work. A new rule requiring U.S. airline passengers to show a passport upon their return from Mexico, Canada or the Caribbean took effect. E. Howard Hunt, who helped organize the Watergate break-in, leading to the downfall of Richard Nixon's presidency, died in Miami at age 88.

Associated Press

Palestinians cross the border into Egypt today after militants exploded the wall between Gaza Strip and Egypt, in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip.

Palestinians flood into Egypt through breached Gaza wall

Gaza has been virtually sealed since Hamas seized control of the territory in June.

By IBRAHIM BARZAK
Associated Press Writer

RAFAH, Gaza Strip — Tens of thousands of Palestinians poured from the Gaza Strip into Egypt today after masked gunmen with explosives destroyed most of the seven-mile wall dividing the border town of Rafah.

Gazans crossed on foot, in cars or in donkey carts to buy cigarettes, fuel, and other items made scarce by an Israeli blockade of their impoverished territory. Across the coastal strip, home to 1.5 million Palestinians, people pushed into buses and piled into rickety pickup trucks heading to Egypt and a rare opportunity to escape months of isolation.

Police from the militant group Hamas, which controls Gaza, directed the traffic. Egyptian border guards took no action.

"Freedom is good. We need no border after today," said unemployed 29-year-old Mohammed Abu Ghazal.

Hamas did not take responsibility for knocking down the border wall erected by Israel as fighting intensified with militants after the outbreak of the second Palestinian uprising in 2000. But it seemed unlikely the move could have been undertaken without Hamas' approval.

The group's supreme leader, Khaled Mashaal, said from Damascus, Syria that Hamas was willing to work out a new border arrangement with Egypt and Hamas' rival, moderate Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said that he had ordered his troops to allow the Palestinians to cross into Egypt from the Gaza Strip because they were starving.

Mubarak told reporters at the Cairo International Book fair that when Palestinians began breaking through border in force, he told his men to let them in to buy food before escorting them out.

"I told them to let them come in and eat and buy food and then return them later as long as they were not carrying weapons," he said.

Gaza has been virtually sealed since Hamas seized control of the territory by force in June. Gazans are facing critical shortages of electricity, fuel and other supplies, although they have not yet led to starvation.

Any easing of restriction could help stabilize Hamas' rule.

Israel expressed concern that militants and weapons might be entering Gaza amid the chaos, and said responsibility for restoring order lay with Egypt.

Egypt has largely kept its border with Gaza closed since the Hamas takeover amid concerns of a spillover of Hamas-style militancy into Egypt. But Egypt's government is also under popular pressure at home to help the impoverished Gazans.

Egyptian public opinion is sympathetic to the Palestinians, and most political analysts believe Mubarak's regime would face a serious crisis if its forces opened fire on Palestinians during a border melee.

Asian markets rebound; European market falls

World reacts to U.S. interest rate cut.

TOKYO (AP) — Most Asian markets rebounded Wednesday, reversing their recent gut-wrenching plunge as investors welcomed a hefty, surprise interest rate cut by the U.S. Federal Reserve to shore up the sagging American economy.

But European markets were lower at midday, and early indicators suggested prices would fall on Wall Street when the market opens.

Analysts said the market turmoil would linger for some time because the Fed's emergency action was seen by some as a sign American authorities view the U.S. credit crunch as a very serious problem.

"The Fed's action provided a very positive surprise," said Tsuyoshi Segawa, strategist at Shinko Securities Co. in Tokyo. "But people are also starting to think that things may be so bad they needed to act."

In Europe, where investors had a chance to cheer the Fed's cut Tuesday, the U.K.'s FTSE 100 was down 1 percent, while France's CAC 40 slid 1.4 percent and Germany's DAX was down 1.8 percent.

U.S. stock index futures showed that Wall Street was poised to fall Wednesday. Dow Jones industrial average futures fell 157, or 1.31 percent, to 11,794. Futures for the broader Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 18.90, or 1.44 percent, to 1,290.40, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 32.00, or 1.78 percent, to 1769.00.

Earlier in Hong Kong, the Hang Seng index surged 10.7 percent — its biggest gain 10 years — to 24,090.17, regaining much of the 13.7 percent it had shed over the previous two days.

Japan's Nikkei 225 index rose 2 percent to close at 12,829.06 after tumbling 9.3 percent the previous two days, while India's Sensex climbed 5.2 percent, recapturing nearly half its 12 percent losses from Monday and Tuesday.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Gunmen kill 8 Iraqi soldiers

BAGHDAD (AP) — Gunmen opened fire on an Iraqi army checkpoint in central Baghdad today, killing eight soldiers and wounding two, police said.

The drive-by shooting occurred about 11 a.m. in the Bab al-Mudham district, a commercial area on the eastern side of the Tigris River in central Baghdad.

Two other soldiers were wounded, a police officer said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to release the information.

The attack in the heart of Baghdad provided a deadly example of the stark challenges facing the Iraqi forces as they work to take over their own security so U.S.-led troops can eventually go home.

Bush accused of false statements

WASHINGTON (AP) — A study by two nonprofit journalism organizations found that President Bush and top administration officials issued hundreds of false statements about the national security threat from Iraq in the two years following the 2001 terrorist attacks.

The study concluded that the statements "were part of an orchestrated campaign that effectively galvanized public opinion and, in the process, led the nation to war under decidedly false pretenses."

The study was posted Tuesday on the Web site of the Center for Public Integrity, which worked with the Fund for Independence in Journalism.

White House spokesman Scott Stanzel did not comment on the merits of the study Tuesday night but reiterated the administration's position that the world community viewed Iraq's leader, Saddam Hussein, as a threat.

Thompson quits presidential race

NAPLES, Fla. (AP) — Republican Fred Thompson, the actor-politician who attracted more attention as a potential presidential candidate than as a real one, quit the race for the White House on Tuesday after a string of poor finishes in early primary and caucus states.

"Today, I have withdrawn my candidacy for president of the United States. I hope that my country and my party have benefited from our having made this effort," the former Tennessee senator said in a brief statement.

Thompson's fate was sealed last Saturday in the South Carolina primary, when he finished third in a state he had said he needed to do well in, if not win.

In the statement, Thompson did not say whether he would endorse any of his former rivals. He was one of a handful of members of Congress who supported Arizona Sen. John McCain in 2000 in his unsuccessful race against George W. Bush for the party nomination.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

One player hits 'Cash 5' jackpot

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — One player matched all five winning numbers drawn in Tuesday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game and will collect a jackpot worth $100,000.

Lottery officials said 82 players matched four numbers and won $369 each; 3,107 players matched three numbers and won $10.50 each; and 34,674 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The Valley Independent LOTTERY RESULTS

PENNSYLVANIA DAILY NUMBERS

TUESDAY, JAN. 22

DAY PICK 3:	1-3-1
NIGHT PICK 3:	2-4-2
DAY PICK BIG 4:	2-5-6-0
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	2-8-6-5
TREASURE HUNT:	14-16-18-26-30
CASH 5:	4-13-14-21-38
MATCH 6:	3-10-13-28-33-44

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS

TUESDAY, JAN. 22

DAY PICK 3:	8-9-6
NIGHT PICK 3:	8-9-7
DAY PICK 4:	9-7-2-1
NIGHT PICK 4:	7-8-7-7
ROLLING CASH 5:	5-8-10-32-35

WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS

TUESDAY, JAN. 22

DAILY 3:	3-4-7
DAILY 4:	0-4-3-7
CASH 25:	2-3-7-8-20-21

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OUR OPINION

Donora will miss Bielen

WHEN MICHAEL BIELEN arrived in Donora more than five years ago, he had some sizeable shoes to fill.

Fresh out of college, he had been hired to replace long-time borough administrator Bob Paraschak, who for many years had kept Donora running like clockwork.

Although he was young and inexperienced, Bielen quickly learned every phase of the borough's operations, and before long he developed into a top-notch administrator.

Now 30, Bielen is qualified to work for any municipality in the state, according to Donora Mayor John Lignelli. "That's how talented he is and that's how much we think of him," the mayor said.

Bielen has taken a job with the state Fish and Boat Commission in Harrisburg.

Friday is the McAdoo native's last day on the job in Donora.

Apparently a humble guy — officials said he seemed somewhat embarrassed by the attention at last week's council meeting — Bielen will obviously be missed.

Council members were reluctant to accept his resignation, because it signaled Bielen's exit from the community.

"You will be sorely missed," Council President Karen Polkabla told the young administrator.

Now that Bielen is leaving, another administrator has arrived on the job.

Brian Bell began his duties Monday and is no doubt being acclimated to the position this week by Bielen.

We wish Bielen the best in his new position with the state.

And we wish Bell well as he takes over in Donora, where history has repeated itself and once again he's got some mighty big shoes to fill.

ANOTHER VIEW

The Paragould (Ark.) Daily Press, on Arkansas's reputation:

Over the years, Arkansas has taken a lot of ribbing about being well, a bit "rural" is probably the most polite term we can find to describe what people who presume themselves to be sophisticated think of the Natural State.

Similarly, Arkansans, whether native or transplanted, have endured much in the way of scorn for being hillbillies, red-necks and just about every other derisive term available to describe a person living in a rural setting. Even after Bill Clinton took office as the 42nd president of the United States, the jokes and gags continued, even to the extent he got linked to the Beverly Hillbillies in the movie of the same name.

But to those who look down their noses at Arkansas and Arkansans, we have only two things to say:

(a) Hillary Clinton

(b) Mike Huckabee

Mrs. Clinton, the wife of the former president and now a New York senator, has made a very strong showing in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination outside the state where she was First Lady for 12 years, winning the New Hampshire primary election and taking third in the Iowa caucuses. Huckabee, the former governor of the state for 10-1/2 years through the end of 2006, took what is deemed a strong third place in New Hampshire while winning the Iowa caucuses in pursuit of the Republican nomination for president. ...

And if both win, then there will be another president from Arkansas next January.

So we presume all the jokes from what passes in some circles for sophisticated people about that hick state of Arkansas will now cease.

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Unreality television

Charley **REESE**

"American Idol" is a cruel and exploitative show. No performer gets on without an audition. That tells you when the really pathetic and talentless people appear, they have been chosen so the audience and judges can laugh and ridicule them. It is not a talent show. It's a freak show.

You know, of course, that on the "Survivor" show, the survivors are surrounded by cameramen, sound men and various other production people. You know that if a stunt doesn't work out, they can re-shoot it. "Survivorman," when he pretends to be alone in the wilderness, is traveling with a camera crew.

As a friend of mine used to say, "But you know all that."

Reality TV is really artificial-reality TV. Inside the glass tube, news isn't news, history isn't history and science isn't science. Everything on television must be converted to melodrama, or so it seems. That's because factual reports tend to be dull. Even the weather has to be warped into a story.

That's also why political reporting spends almost no time at all reporting in detail the various candidates' positions on issues. Too dull. What is exciting is the horse race, which involves mainly reporting the latest polls and endless speculation about which candidate is leading or what his or her campaign strategy is. None of that is of any use to the voter. What the voter needs to know is what specific proposals the candidates have to solve the nation's problems.

When Jimmy Carter first ran for president in 1976, the national press was presenting him as an obscure peanut farmer from a small town in Georgia who ate catfish, played softball and carried his own luggage. Not knowing the guy, I made a few phone calls to people who did know him.

A former governor of Georgia described him perfectly. During the campaign, the governor said, Carter will sound like George Wallace, but once in office, he'll out-McGovern George McGovern. Carter is a good bugler but a poor performer, he said.

I also learned that, far from being an outsider, Carter had been one of only two of the 50 governors to be chosen by David Rockefeller to sit on the Trilateral Commission, a very elitist policy group. He was a wealthy broker, not a farmer. His advisers were all Eastern Establishment insiders, most of them directors of major corporations. It turned out that the real outsider, and the poorer of the two men, was his opponent, Gerald Ford. The editor of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution wrote at the time, "If you knew Carter like I know Carter, the thought of him being in the White House is enough to make you throw up." A retired Navy officer who had served with Carter told me, "The only thing I'll say about him is that when I realized who he was, I told my wife, 'God help this country.'"

So if I, a small-town reporter, could find all that out, why did the national press continue to present him as an outsider of modest means? I think the answer is that the press simply thought that made a better story. Shortly after his inauguration, I wrote a column listing 17 reasons why Carter would prove to be one of the worst presidents in American history. People initially were outraged, but before his term ended, they agreed with me.

Some people say Carter has been a better ex-president than he was a president, and maybe that's true, but his administration was marked by one blunder and disaster after another. Carter had stood by with his thumb somewhere in his anatomy while Fidel Castro emptied his prisons and insane asylums onto America's shores. One of his former aides said to me, "If Carter had been president during the Falklands War, there would have been 600,000 sheep in Miami."

Novelist Michael Crichton pretty well summed up the national news media when he said they follow the same rule Walt Disney had given his cartoonists — simplify and exaggerate.

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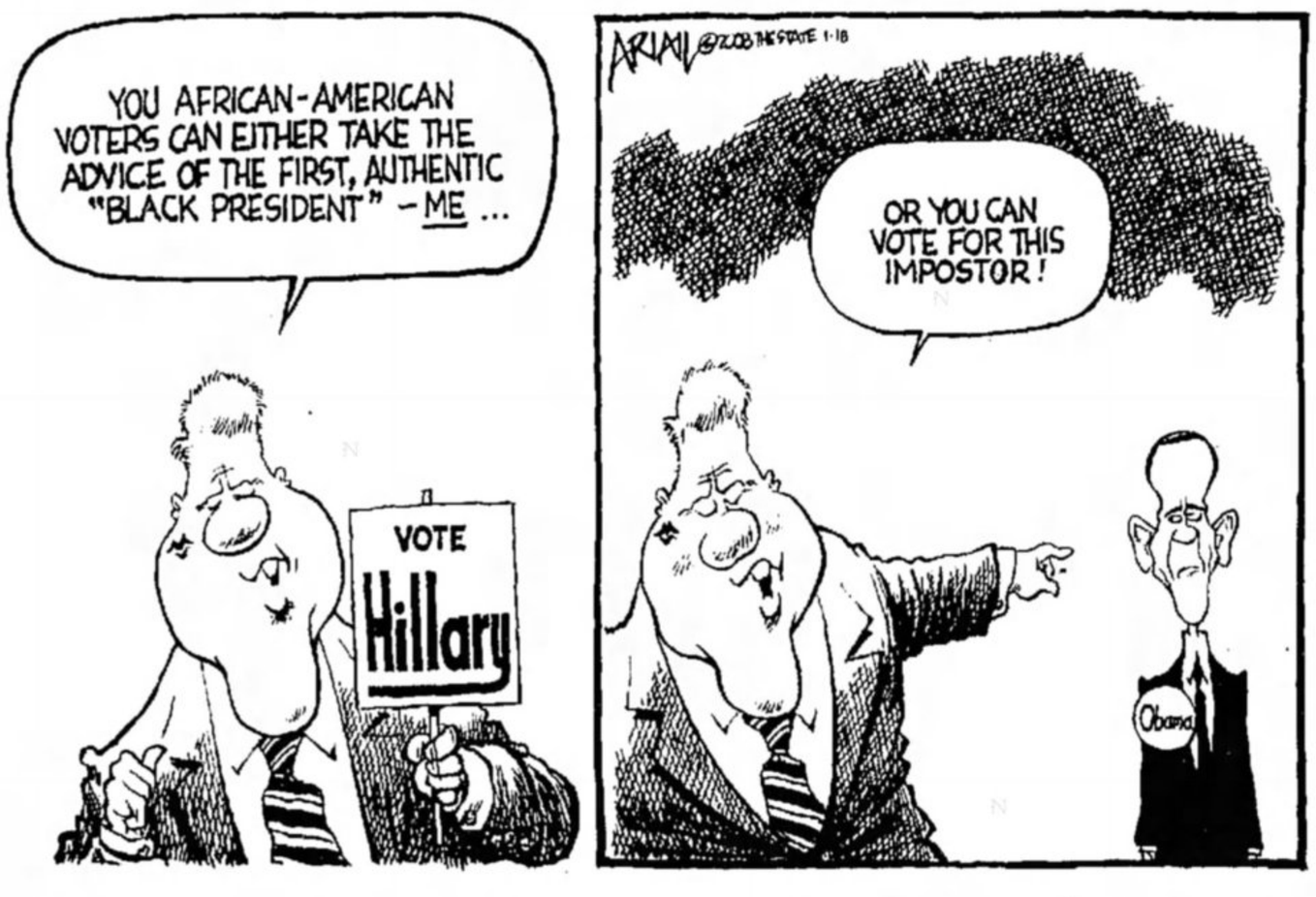
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No frank talk on Islamic law

Diana **WEST**

Mazar-i-Sharif. Ring a bell? In 2001, a 32-year-old Marine captain and CIA officer named John Michael Spann was killed there in a prison riot, thus becoming the first American combat death in Afghanistan. Not incidentally, Spann, before violence broke out, had interrogated an uncooperative John Walker Lindh, the American Taliban. This all took place before the U.S. military completely toppled Afghanistan's Taliban oppressors.

Nearly seven years later, American-liberated Mazar-i-Sharif has again made headlines — well, one or two — as the site of the prison where a 23-year-old Afghan journalist has been detained for three months (and counting) on blasphemy charges. These charges derive, Reuters reports, from Sayed Perwiz Kambakhsh "distributing an article which said Prophet Mohammad had ignored the rights of women." As President Bush might say ... well, what might President Bush say: Let freedom reign?

Then there's Halabja.

Remember Halabja? The name is notorious for being the town where in 1988, 15 years before Operation Iraqi Freedom, Saddam Hussein gassed thousands of Kurdish civilians to death. This month, American-liberated Halabja made headlines as the site of the court that sentenced a Kurdish author in absentia to six months in prison for blasphemy: namely, for writing in a book that Mohammed had 19 wives, married a 9-year-old when he was 54, and took part in murder and rape. (These points, Robert Spencer notes at jihadwatch.com, "can be readily established from early texts written by pious Muslims.") The author, Mariwan Halabjaee, who has asylum in Norway, says there's also a fatwa calling for his death unless he asks forgiveness.

Think about it. Where Americans have died, not just to de-fang jihadist threats but to "democratize" Islamic populations, freedom of speech is against the law. And not the law according to "militants" or "extremists," but the law as enforced by democratically elected governments that we, as a nation, support with everything we've got. What would Bush say to that?

I doubt he'd know what to say. Neither, for that matter, would anyone in his Cabinet, starting with Condoleezza Rice. Nor, I doubt, would the chairman of the Joint Chiefs, Adm. Mike Mullen. Nor — to open things up — would the presidential candidates, the Fox News All-Stars or Simon Cowell. The fact is, to discuss blasphemy laws in Afghanistan and Iraq (Kurdistan, even) is to discuss Islam — specifically, its laws and doctrines. And we, as a politically correct people, don't know how to do that. Instead, we act as though they don't exist.

And not just blasphemy laws. Jihad doctrine; Sharia (Islamic law); designs for a global caliphate through jihad (terrorism) and the spread of Sharia (Islamization): We pretend they are not factors in the Free World's experience with Islam. We certainly don't discuss their implications for the freeness of the world. Look at what passes for "debate" among our presidential candidates: Republicans argue over who supported "the surge" first; Democrats argue over who will withdraw troops first.

Such resolute blindness on Islam probably explains the institutional apathy — including (with few exceptions) conservative apathy — on the termination of Pentagon analyst Stephen Coughlin, which I recently wrote about. The military's primary expert on Islamic law, Coughlin was reportedly fired at the behest of a highly placed Pentagon aide named Hesham Islam whom Steven Emerson has since thumb-nailed as "an Islamist with a pro-Muslim Brotherhood bent." Thankfully, Rep. Sue Myrick of the bipartisan House Anti-Terrorism Caucus is considering action, but there is little public sense that this outrage of a story is happening to us as a nation.

But it's something that should deeply concern Americans, particularly as a nation with soldiers under arms. Coughlin's meticulously researched legal brief not only links Islamic law to Islamic terrorism, but also demonstrates the professional negligence involved in ignoring Islamic law when devising strategies against Islamic terrorism.

Of course, that right there may explain the silence, particularly among many conservatives. The kind of negligence Coughlin is talking about, deriving from a PC ignorance of Islamic law, is quite evident in the strategies and tactics of the so-called war on terror that conservatives have widely championed — up to and including "the surge" in Iraq, which, for example, presupposes that American-won security will trigger a set of cultural behaviors and aspirations in Iraqi society best described as non-Islamic.

In other words, we seem to have arrived at a strange junction where neither jihadist apologists nor surge enthusiasts want to hear the facts about Islamic law. You might say it's become the new blasphemy.

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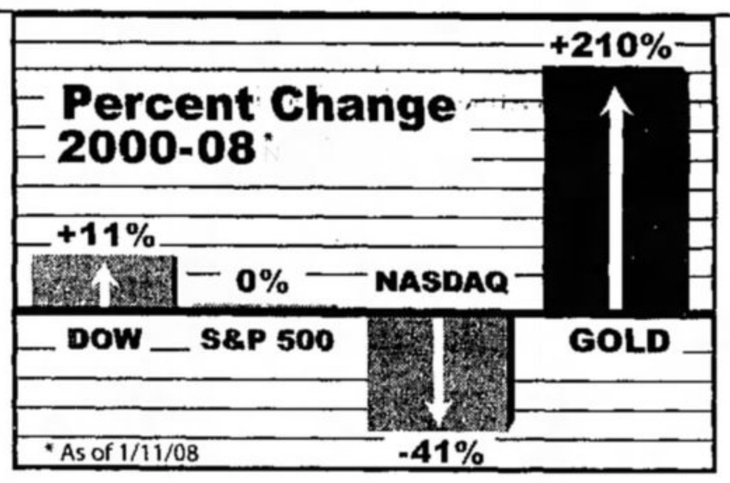

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Dee's still pitching hits at 70

The popular Charleroi shop has entertained the Valley since 1938.

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When Louis and Eva Alterici opened Dee's Record Shop at 522 McKean Ave. in downtown Charleroi, they decided to name it for their daughter Dolores – better known as Dee.

That was 1938. Seventy years later, Dee's is a mainstay in the 500 block of McKean Avenue. As the name suggests, it has remained a family owned and operated business.

Its namesake, Dee Zaph, operated a hair dresser shop above the store.

Louis and Eva Alterici's son, Norman, enlisted in the U.S. Navy as a senior at Charleroi High School. He served overseas in World War II.

Norman Alterici began working at the store after he was discharged from the service. At first, he repaired televisions, and following his father's death in 1965, took over the business.

Norman and his wife, also named Dolores, introduced their children, Mark and Mary Kay, to the business.

Mark Alterici recalled that on Saturday nights his parents inventoried the stock; his father would be in charge of the current records while his mother handled the oldies.

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Mark Alterici displays a 1955 photo at Dee's of Smithton native Shirley Jones, who was featured in the film "Oklahoma." The film is seen on the screen at rear.

"I spent my Saturday nights watching Chilly Billy in the store," Alterici said, of the popular local late night television show hosted by Bill Cardille.

Through the years, the store has been interactive, making it easier for customers to be introduced to the newest forms of entertainment.

At one time, the store featured turntables so customers could listen to records they were considering buying.

When the first video game systems, such as Atari and Intelivision came out, Dee's provided televisions in the store for customers to try the new games.

"It was like an arcade," Mark Alterici said.

When rock 'n' roll became popular, Norman Alterici built "the cave," a papier mache tunnel about 18 feet wide and 10 feet deep. Customers looking for the latest records by rock artists walked into the cave to find the recordings.

"It was actually very traumatic to tear it down," said Mark Alterici, recalling its demise in the early 1980s.

Norman Alterici was handy, always fabricating things for the store.

Mark Alterici said some customers still talk about the cave.

"We actually buried 78s in the wall to make room for the cave," Mark Alterici said of the once-popular 78 revolutions per minute record format.

"It was almost symbolic – like the passing of the guard."

When Elvis Presley's hit "Hound Dog" was released in 1956, Norman Alterici traveled to New York to purchase copies of the recording and took along his dog, Tommy – the company mascot for years.

While in New York, promotional photos were taken with Tommy, which were used in the store and local advertising.

In 1969, Norman Alterici produced the song "Bull Fight #2" by Chuck Edwards, of Canonsburg. Promotional photographs were shot at a local farm featuring Edwards dressed as a matador, Mark Alterici recalled.

The store evolved along with technology trends.

In the 1950s, Dee's sold televisions. It offered car stereos in the late 1960s and 1970s along with some home stereo equipment. Mary Kay's husband, Dean Dayner, handled some car stereo installation. The store carried 8-tracks and cassettes around the same time.

When videos were introduced, Dee's became one of the first stores to sell VHS tapes. At the time, most stores only offered movies for rent. About that time, the name was changed to Dee's Record and Video Shop Inc.

"The store evolved as the music business evolved," Mark Alterici said. "We've evolved, but we still keep 45s, especially from the '50s and '60s."

About once every two years buyers from England travel East Coast America searching for hard-to-find hits from that era. They make regular stops at his store.

In 1987, Mary Kay and Dean Dayner opened Dee's Video and Record Center Inc. in Rostraver Township.

"We decided it was time to expand and they were building that stretch of stores at the time," said Mark Alterici, who owns the Charleroi store.

The Charleroi store sells, 45s, sells and rents videos in both VHS and DVD. It also operates tanning beds and sells related supplies. The store sells lottery tickets and newspapers, accepts utility payments, and is a Cricket cellular telephone access center.

The Rostraver store is a Cricket cellular telephone and access center.

In February 2001, Dee's Record and Video Shop Inc. moved to 514 McKean Ave., just two months before Norman Alterici died.

TRIB TOTAL MEDIA'S

Family, Inc.

by Jennifer Antkowiak

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

Q: I've been enjoying your columns about nutrition and weight loss. I need help with the exercise part. What suggestions would you have for somebody who isn't really used to exercise; and to be honest, doesn't really like the idea of it?

A: Ha! First, let me say, I appreciate your honesty and I am quite sure you are not alone. I used to say that the only way anyone would see me run is if I was being chased.

Guess what? Now I walk/jog of my own free will...no outside threat needed! And, to be honest, I actually have grown to like it and look forward to it. And you should know that, just like the infomercials say, "If I can do it, you can do it too"!

You know we've partnered with Weight Watchers this month, to pass along ideas that can help people with their weight loss goals. Weight Watchers is known best for its meal plans, but I found out that they like to place an emphasis on the importance of physical activity in a healthy lifestyle, too.

I interviewed a woman named Joanne Bissell, who's been a Weight Watchers leader for more than seven years. Almost eight years ago, she lost 50 pounds on the Weight Watchers plan. Joanne tells me that when she brings up exercise at her group meetings, her message is simple, "Move more"! She says the best way for someone like you who isn't into exercise to get started with some kind of regular activity is to break out of the exercise mentality, and just focus on moving more during your regular day.

Joanne advises those she works with to start by simply clipping on a pedometer and go about your daily routine---don't change a thing---the purpose here to is to get a baseline number of steps that you usually take during a normal day. Although health professionals say we should all aim for 10,000 steps a day, do not feel discouraged if your pedometer reads 2,500 steps when you're ready to go to bed. Jumping to 10,000 steps won't happen overnight for you, and that's ok. If tomorrow you do 2,505 steps...you're on the right track. Go at your own pace, with a goal of just moving more...increasing even a little bit every day. Listen to your body and you will know when it's time to challenge yourself a bit more.

Joanne says the best kind of exercise program is one that feels good, and makes you feel confident about yourself. There are so many different kinds of fitness choices out there for you. Have fun exploring some of them.

If being part of a group class isn't your thing, try a DVD you can do at home. If trying to follow along with a routing isn't for you, just get out and take a walk around the block, or (as my friend, RN Atiya Abdelmalik from Highmark's Healthy High 5 program likes to say) put on some music and have a dance party with the kids. It all gets the calories burning. If you find something that feels right, you're more likely to keep doing it. It's that simple.

Joanne and I also talked about how our world has become very efficient. We really don't need to move much at all during the day now...we use our remotes and our computers and our cell phones to get things done. So, Joanne says, we should look around our world and grab every opportunity to move. Don't try to balance 2 loads of laundry on your head. Make an extra trip or two up and down the steps. Same with grocery bags...you don't have to lose circulation trying to strap six around each wrist. Take the opportunity to make a few extra trips to the car and back. When it comes to rewards from moving more, Joanne says you'll feel them immediately, and before long, you (and everyone else) will start to see them.

Although the on-the-scale bonuses are very nice, Joanne says the off-the-scale rewards aren't too shabby either. People who incorporate more movement into their lives realize a better overall quality of life: increased confidence, better sleep, lower stress, and greater physical and mental strength.

Thanks so much for writing! Hope this helps.

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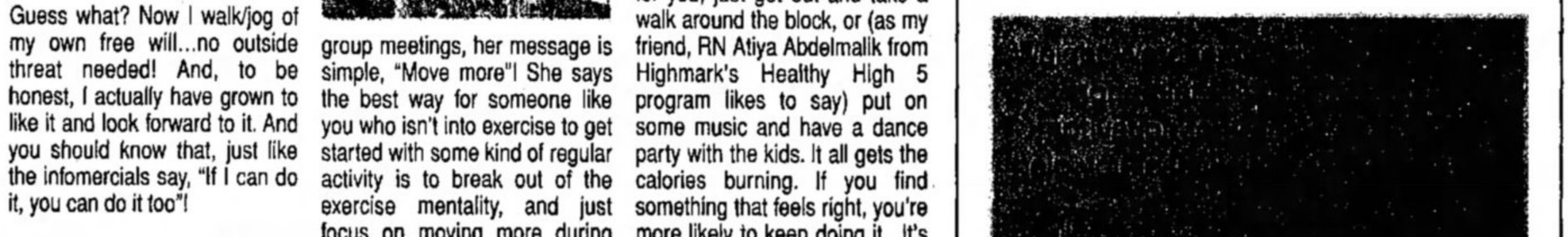
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Experts tell investors not to panic

They urge against the knee-jerk reaction to sell as stock market slides.

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Expect the stock market to continue its wild ride for a while. Don't let it rattle a carefully thought-out investment strategy, and do consider buying shares at a reasonable pace now that prices are lower.

Financial planners and experts shared that advice for typical investors Tuesday as the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 460 points early and ended the day with a drop of 128.11, closing at 11,971.19.

"The common investor is probably leaning toward selling, which is the No. 1 mistake they will make -- selling at a down point and running from the market," said Brian D. Knapp, vice president at Hefren-Tillotson.

Investors nearly always come out ahead in the long run because stocks gain an average 3 to 4 percentage points over inflation, said Tom Nist, an investment management expert at Duquesne University and a former PNC Bank executive.

"The longer the term you view, the more that holds true. That is a reality I could prove out over 10 years," he said, and most portfolios show significant gains after five years.

A "big correction" is taking place in the market right now, Nist said, but "if you take all those variables and ride the market out, that's the way to generate that nice, consistent performance over time."

That stay-put strategy is conditioned, of course, on whether the stock owner's investments are appropriate and sufficiently diverse given the stage in life.

Crosby out 6 to 8 weeks

Sidney Crosby isn't expected back on the ice until mid-March, but the Penguins star hopes to return earlier. **4B**

Valley SPORTS

Craft of the Week

A guidebook makes it easy to get started on a crystal lace afghan. **6B**

Big win for BVA

The Leps hold a two-game lead in Class AAA's Section 5 after rallying past Steel Valley Tuesday night. **2B**

Sports Trivia

Which NFL franchise has played in the most Super Bowls and how many? **4B**

Last night's scores

N.Y. Islanders 6, Carolina 3
New Jersey 7, Philadelphia 3
N.Y. Rangers 4, Atlanta 0
Montreal 8, Boston 2
Florida 5, Ottawa 3
Tampa Bay 4, Edmonton 3

Charleroi-Monessen rivalry off

Conference shakeup will bring an end to annual football showdown.

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Rood

Petrucci

The Monessen-Charleroi rivalry will probably be dead for at least two years.

Belle Vernon Area and Ringgold are back in the Big Seven Conference.

Yough has returned to the Keystone Conference.

Those are some of the highlights of the new football alignment approved by the WPIAL board of Control Tuesday.

Unless both the Greyhounds and Cougars don't make the playoffs in 2008-09 which doesn't seem likely, the cross-river rivals won't be colliding for the first time since 1972, when Charleroi had a teachers' strike.

The reason is the WPIAL trimmed from 45 to 39 Class AA teams and reduced one conference to four teams.

With Charleroi moved from the Century to the 10-team Interstate, the only open date on the Cougars' schedule would be the 10th week when the playoffs get under way.

Charleroi is one of three new Interstate teams, being joined by South Allegheny and Mt. Pleasant, which dropped down from Class AAA.

Rounding out the Interstate are defending WPIAL and PIAA champion Jeannette, Greensburg Central Catholic, East Allegheny, Brownsville, Washington, Waynesburg and McGuffey.

Charleroi will open its season Aug. 29 at home against Greensburg Central Catholic.

Meanwhile, BVA's Lou Rood and Ringgold's Jeff Petrucci both expected the switch from the Keystone to the Big Seven.

"I anticipated it," said Rood. "It will be a challenge something we're looking forward to.

"I think it's good for us to be out of the Keystone and make our way from here. Making the playoffs now we won't get looked down upon."

"The word going around was that we'd be switched," said Petrucci. "It is what is is. We have no control over so why worry about. We'll go where the WPIAL puts us.

"It's a good conference. With the exception of Elizabeth Forward, they're all playoff teams."

Defending WPIAL and PIAA champion Thomas Jefferson, Chartiers Valley, Trinity, West Mifflin and Elizabeth complete the Big Seven.

BVA's Big Seven opener will be Sept. 5 at home with Chartiers Valley, with crossover games at home with Southmoreland and at Greensburg Salem.

Ringgold's conference opener will be Sept. 19 at Thomas Jefferson after hosting Albert Gallatin and visiting Southmoreland in crossover contests.

After two years in the Interstate, Yough returned to the Keystone as did Greensburg Salem and Southmoreland, which also moved back up.

The Cougars will go to Chartiers Valley and host Trinity in crossover games.

Monessen will have one new Tri-County South Conference rival with the addition of Beth-Center, which was replaced in the Black Hills Conference by Burgettstown.

The Greyhounds will host Clairton in a crossover game Sept. 5.

California will get Serra in its crossover game Sept 5.

Pine-Richland and Peters Township moved up to Quad A with Mars joining Yough and Southmoreland in Class AAA.

Keystone Oaks and Mt. Pleasant dropped to Class AA with Brentwood, Carlynton and Burgettstown going down to Class A.

The football conferences are on Page 3B.

Lady Hounds win battle of unbeatens

Playoff atmosphere surrounds Monessen's 47-43 win over Washington.

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MONESSEN — It was a game that meant nothing in the standings.

Nothing to the playoff seedings.

Yet when Monessen and Washington squared off in a girls' basketball game Tuesday night, it seemed so much was on the line.

A gym packed with frenzied fans from both schools watched with great anticipation. The contest had a rowdy playoff air to it.

Maybe it was because somebody's '0' had to go.

In a rare late-season meeting of undefeated teams, the Lady Greyhounds kept their '0', as in 19-and-0, by holding off the Lady Prexies, 47-43.

"It was a very good game," said Monessen coach Major Corley. "It was hard-fought by both teams, two really good teams.

"It was like a playoff game for both teams and should help both of us later on."

Monessen never trailed in the game as Christina Chukwuedo scored six points in the opening quarter and Monessen led, 11-9.

In the second quarter, Chukweudo scored the Lady Greyhounds' first eight points and reserve Jessica Beveridge scored the last eight as Monessen took a 27-15 lead.

Washington (19-1) got a three-pointer at the halftime buzzer by Jordan Jackson to cut the deficit to 27-18.

However, the cushion was enough for the win as Washington kept chipping away in the second half, but could never draw even.

"It was two undefeated teams playing hard," said Corley. "Both teams played like it was a championship game."

The first half proved costly for the Lady Prexies, who outrebounded Monessen 26-11, but trailed by nine points on the scoreboard.

That's because while Wash High couldn't buy a basket, missing numerous easy inside shots, the Lady Prexies also had no answer for Chukweudo and Beveridge.

Chukweudo came into the game needing 22 points to hit 1,000 for her career. She scored 14 of her 16 points in the first half.

And Beveridge came off the bench to hit three three-pointers, including two in the big stretch of the second quarter. She finished with 11 points.

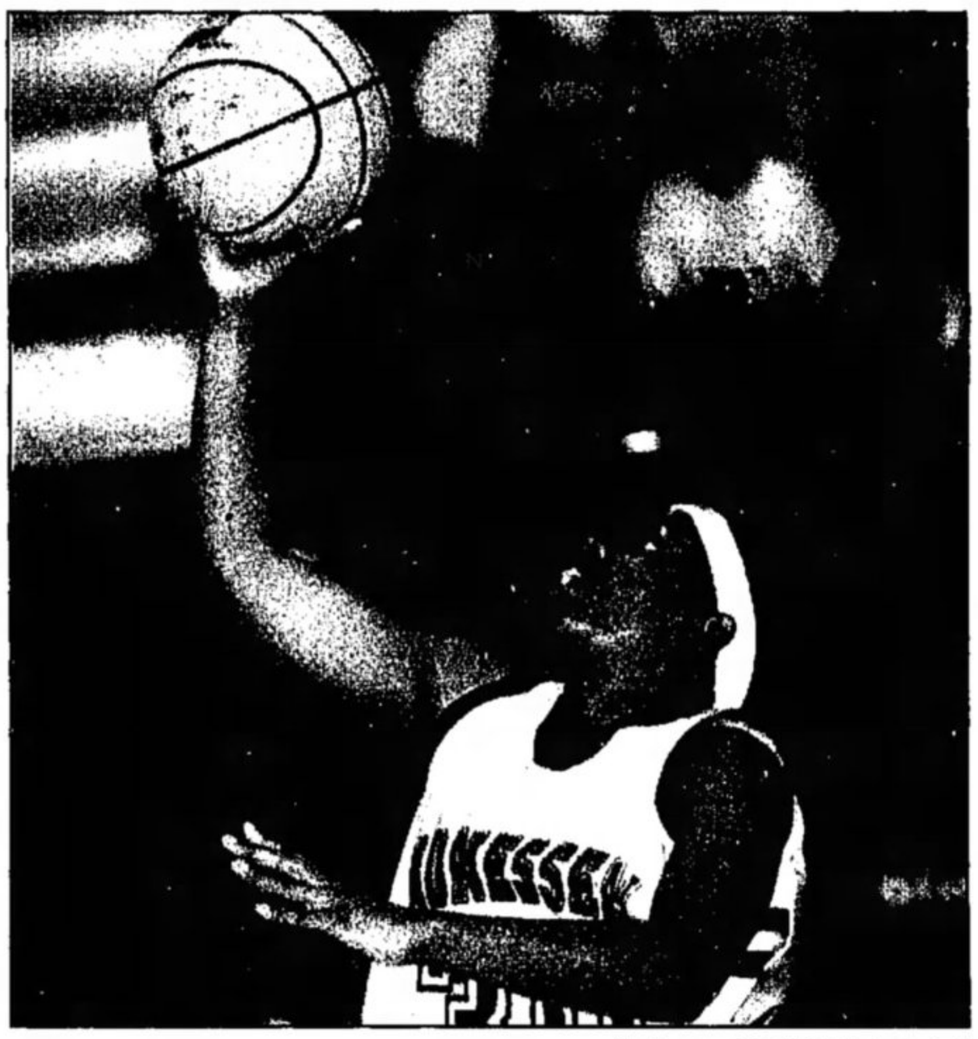
"(Washington) went from a man defense to a zone and we put Beveridge in," explained Corley. "She hit two threes and a layup and gave us a good lead. She's our best three-point shooter."

In the second half, Washington got as close as two points early in the fourth quarter, but Beveridge hit her last three to make it 39-34 with 5:32 to play.

Monessen upped the lead to 46-37 when Kelly Mornak hit two free throws with 1:28 to play, but Wash High didn't give up and battled to make it close at the end.

"We needed a game like this," said Corley. "This will go a long way to helping us in the playoffs. We won't see many teams like Washington in the playoffs."

NOTES: Samone Stepoli grabbed 15 rebounds for Monessen, which was out-rebounded 42-28 for the game ... Mornak ended with eight points, six rebounds and seven assists ... Monessen travels to Frazier Thursday ... Washington was led by Jackson with 12 points and Marguerite Surgent with 11 ... the Monessen and Norwin girls are the only unbeaten teams remaining in the WPIAL.



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Monessen's Christina Chukwuedo scores two of her 16 points in Tuesday's win over Washington.

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Monessen's Terrance Stepoli dunks during Tuesday's win over Charleroi.

Greyhounds slam Cougars

Monessen players put on dunking exhibition in 62-45 win over Charleroi.

By BRIAN HERMAN
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MONESSEN — The first time Monessen played Charleroi this season the Greyhounds spotted the host Cougars an 11-2 lead before coming back for a 62-45 win.

That was in December a week before Christmas,

In Tuesday's Class AA Section 5 rematch at Monessen, the Greyhounds were down 2-0 when Taylor Andrisko opened with a pair of free throws after Monessen sophomore David Jeffries was hit with a technical for dunking in the warmups.

It was the only time all night Charleroi led and Jeffries' illegal pre-game dunk turned out to be an indication of things to come.

Freshman Terrrance Stepoli and Jeffries both had a pair of crowd-pleasing jams and Jemont Minnie one as Monessen routed Charleroi, 64-25.

The Greyhounds (16-4, 11-0) went on a 23-0 run in a six minute span of the first half to turn an 8-6 game to 31-6 and led 42-12 at halftime.

With 2:49 left in the third quarter, Jeffries' basket gave Monessen a 53-13 advantage and the 40-point margin put the continuous clock into operation.

> "We couldn't handle their quickness and pressure."
> Charleroi coach Bill Wiltz

"We couldn't handle their quickness and pressure," understated Charleroi coach Bill Wiltz. "We practiced really hard to break the press in practice but couldn't duplicate their pressure."

Monessen coach Joe Salvino wasn't surprised the Greyhounds had a much easier time against the Cougars (10-10, 5-6) the second time around.

"We were a totally different team," he said.

Two of the Greyhounds who didn't play at Charleroi were Tim Tyree and Jeffries.

All Tyree and Jeffries did in limited playing time was combine for 23 points with Tyree throwing in six rebounds and six assists with his game-high 12 points.

Stepoli also had 12 points as Monessen put 11 players on the scoreboard and the Greyhounds' bench outscored Charleroi by one.

Even though Monessen scored 33 points in the opening 10 minutes, it was the defense which brought a smile to Salvino's face.

"Our defense really played well tonight," he said. "I just hope we can continue to play defense because that's what you have to have to be good. I want to see intensity on defense."

Charleroi, which was riding a four-game winning streak, tallied only six points in each of the first three quarters and seven in the final period.

Wiltz feels the Greyhounds can make some noise in the Class AA playoffs.

"They're in the upper echelon with Jeannette, Beaver Falls and Aliquippa," he said.

LEFTOVERS: The victory was Monessen's eighth straight matching its longest of the season. The Greyhounds are home with Waynesburg Friday before going to second place Washington Tuesday. Charleroi's Chad Pappasergi left the game in the first half with a concussion after taking an elbow to the head. The loss dropped the Cougars into fifth place, a game behind Brownsville for the final playoff spot. Charleroi hosts Brownsville Friday.

SPORTS

Pitt will face Notre Dame

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pitt's 2008 football schedule includes home games against Iowa, West Virginia, Louisville and Rutgers and a renewal of the rivalry against Notre Dame.

The Panthers play at Notre Dame on Nov. 1, the 64th game between the schools but the first since the Fighting Irish's 42-21 victory at Heinz Field in 2005. Irish coach Charlie Weis and Pitt coach Dave Wannstedt both debuted in that game.

Notre Dame is one of Pitt's most-played opponents, with the Irish holding a 44-18-1 edge.

Pitt's other non-conference away game will be Oct. 18 at Navy, which upset the Panthers 48-45 on Oct. 10. Pitt also plays Big East opponents Cincinnati, Connecticut, Syracuse and South Florida on the road.

The home schedule looks to be an upgrade from that of last season, when Cincinnati was the only one of Pitt's seven opponents to be ranked at the time it played at Heinz Field.

Pitt also plays two other non-conference home games, against Bowling Green in the season opener on Aug. 30 and Buffalo on Sept. 6. The Iowa game, the first between the Big Ten and Big East schools in 56 years, will be Sept. 20.

Dates and times for the other games will be announced later.

Wise returning

Tony Wise is returning to Pitt's football coaching staff 30 years after first coaching at the school.

Wise, an NFL assistant coach the last 18 seasons, was hired Tuesday as Pitt's offensive line coach. This will be the seventh time Wise and Pitt coach Dave Wannstedt have been on a staff together.

Wannstedt and Wise first coached together at Pitt in 1977-78 under coach Jackie Sherrill.

They also were on staffs together at Oklahoma State and the University of Miami and with the Dallas Cowboys, Chicago Bears and Miami Dolphins.

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BVA stuns Steel Valley in overtime

Jacob Dudzinski hits key shot as Leps expand lead in Section 5.

By JOHN SANTA
For The Valley Independent

ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP — In the waning seconds of Steel Valley's Class AAA Section 5 game against Belle Vernon Area, coach Shawn McCallister was certain the game belonged to his Ironmen.

But after battling back from a nine-point deficit Tuesday, second place Steel Valley (12-5, 4-3) lost a heartbreaker in overtime to the front-running Leopards, 67-61.

The win gives BVA (14-5, 6-1), which is eyeing its first section title in seven years, a two-game lead over three teams - Steel Valley, West Mifflin and Thomas Jefferson.

The Leps host Southmoreland in a non-section game tonight before going to Thomas Jefferson Thursday. BVA's final two section games are at Elizabeth Forward Tuesday and home with Yough Feb. 1.

With 2.7 seconds remaining in regulation, senior guard Mike Carr scored a runner to put the Ironmen ahead 55-53. Carr finished with 11 points.

"It was an upscreen and he was supposed to come off and take the last shot for us," McCallister said. "He made a big shot. He hit a shot that I thought was going to be the game winner; unfortunately their kid came down and made a big shot for them, sending it into overtime."

That kid was guard Jacob Dudzinski.

Dudzinski poured in a game-high 32 points, but it was his last-second runner to force overtime that was the most meaningful.

"We didn't take advantage of the opportunity," McCallister said. "We had the lead with 2.7 seconds left, everybody in the gym knows the ball is going to (Dudzinski). We got two guys on (him,) he still catches the ball and makes the play. I have got to give him a lot of credit, he stepped up and did a great job against us."

"We had the momentum from there on in. I felt as soon as we tied it up there, we were going to win this game," said BVA coach John Dudzinski, Josh's father. "The kids came to the bench and said, "We are winning this game."

"Give Steel Valley all the credit in the world. Everyone told us this year they were the team to beat and I believe it. They are seniors, they play well together, it was an incredible win for us."

The younger Dudzinski scored 10 of the Leps' 12 points in overtime, including 6-of-7 from the foul line.

"When the game is on the line he's done this for us before," John Dudzinski said. "He very rarely misses a foul shot at the end, and always makes clutch shots. In the overtime, I thought he took over again."

The Leopards opened the game with a 9-2 run as Steel Valley committed three turnovers and missed its first four 3-point shots. The Ironmen never found their outside stroke, making just 6-of-26 attempts from beyond the arc.

Cindy Shegan Keeley/For The Valley Independent

BVA's Jacob Dudzinski drives to the basket during Tuesday's win over Steel Valley.

BVA got strong performances from sophomore Josh Pohlot (16 points and seven rebounds) and John Naylor (11 points and eight rebounds).

An 11-2 run by Steel Valley helped the Ironmen take a 26-24 halftime lead. The run was sparked by Kyle Thomas, Carr and Mark Zelena, who combined for 13 points in the quarter.

Thomas finished with eight points and four rebounds, while Zelena had 10 points and 14 rebounds.

"Mark played well," McCallister said. "He has excellent leaping ability and he took advantage of that fact and he rebounded for us. But we needed other guys to step up and help him out. Unfortunately that didn't happen tonight."

BVA outscored the Ironmen 20-10 in the third quarter to take a 44-36.

"We gave up too much dribble penetration," McCallister said. "I thought we played flat-footed, we were reaching, we allowed them to take the basketball to the hoop. It's not something we normally do, and we didn't play good help defense.

"Our strength is defense, I've been saying it all year. We hold teams in the 40s. This team scored up in the 60s. We didn't do a good job, we broke down defensively and it cost us a section game."

Trojans bail out coaches

California wins despite VanOlst's 4 early fouls.

By JEREMY SELLEW
For the Valley Independent

CARMICHAELS — California coach Phil Pergola had one request of his team during its vital Class A Section 2 game at Carmichaels Tuesday.

"Guys please bail us out tonight," Pergola told his team at halftime. "I would have felt miserable if we lost that game because of that."

He was referring to the Trojans' leading scorer, Travis VanOlst, picking up his fourth foul one minute into the second quarter. To the coaching staff it appeared two of his fouls were on another player.

"Usually you get two and you sit," Pergola said. "I never had anyone get four fouls that quick but it's our fault too, we didn't know."

With VanOlst on the bench for nearly the rest of the game, the team rallied behind Donte Valentino to bail out its coach and defeat the Mikes, 51-45, giving the Trojans (12-4, 7-0) a stranglehold on the section championship.

While Valentino was slicing and dicing his way through the Carmichaels defense on his way to a game-high 23 points, it was the play of some other Trojans that helped inspire their teammates.

Senior reserve Jeremy Shen came off the bench to score only five points, but he frustrated the low-post players of the Mikes with his antagonistic defense while making key steals and rebounds.

"Coach gave me my job," Shen said. "I fight for my teammates just like I know they would fight for me. There's no one person on this team that wins a game, we won it as a team."

The Trojans overcame a horrid start as the Mikes ran out to a 10-1 first-quarter lead when junior guard Joby Lapkowicz knocked down a 3-pointer.

The second quarter was a different story as Valentino began showing signs of taking the game over. He scored as many points in the quarter as the entire Carmichaels team (seven) leading the Trojans back to a 17-17 halftime tie.

"Our coaches told us our guards needed to step up and win this game," Valentino said. "That's what we did. I just knew I needed to come out and play a little harder."

At the start of the second half, it was a different player taking the reigns for California. Sophomore Dominic Roach scored seven of his nine points to complement Valentino's nine as the Trojans raced to a 35-29 advantage.

The fourth quarter saw VanOlst return just in time, as Carmichaels (13-2, 5-2) started a 10-2 surge thanks to three-pointers by Jeremy Ganocy and Lapkowicz.

VanOlst's impact was felt immediately as he blocked consecutive shot attempts, tipped home a basket and grabbed three important rebounds on the defensive end.

"I would have like to have waited until there was about four minutes left to put him in," Pergola said. "They started to make a little run there and getting back in the game."

The Trojans were able to hold off the Mikes thanks to Valentino, VanOlst, and Shen combining to go 6-for-7 from the free throw line down the stretch. A Roach lay-up with 45 seconds remaining sealed the deal for California.

"You can't rest on this, it's a big win," Pergola said. "We've got Mapletown Friday, and we'll talk about that tomorrow. But this is a huge win. For Coach (Jim) Williams and myself it's one of the biggest ones we had. I'm so proud of those kids right now.

A win over the Maples would assure the Trojans of at least a tie for the section crown.

NOTES: Ganocy, who didn't play in the first meeting of the season, finished with a team-high 17 points for the Mikes. Junior Ben Carson stood out defensively grabbing eight rebounds and coming up with five steals. Cal committed 14 turnovers in the first half compared to six in the second.

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SPORTS

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	28	17	3	59	122	111
Pittsburgh	27	17	4	58	140	129
Philadelphia	26	16	5	57	156	135
N.Y. Islanders	24	19	6	54	123	137
N.Y. Rangers	23	21	6	52	122	128

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	30	15	4	64	166	141
Montreal	25	15	8	58	150	133
Boston	24	19	5	53	125	132
Buffalo	20	21	6	46	140	138
Toronto	19	22	8	46	138	160

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	24	24	4	52	158	170
Atlanta	23	25	3	49	140	173
Washington	22	21	5	49	143	152
Florida	22	24	4	48	127	143
Tampa Bay	20	24	5	45	141	160

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	36	10	4	76	172	109
Nashville	25	20	4	54	143	134
Columbus	24	20	6	54	127	126
Chicago	23	22	4	50	139	142
St. Louis	22	18	6	50	120	129

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	25	17	8	58	146	143
Minnesota	27	19	3	57	135	136
Colorado	26	19	4	56	136	135
Vancouver	25	19	5	55	128	119
Edmonton	22	24	5	49	136	155

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	28	19	5	61	153	136
Anaheim	27	18	6	60	133	132
San Jose	26	15	7	59	125	118
Phoenix	25	21	2	52	131	131
Los Angeles	19	29	2	40	140	168

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Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Islanders 6, Carolina 3
New Jersey 7, Philadelphia 3
N.Y. Rangers 4, Atlanta 0
Montreal 8, Boston 2
Florida 5, Ottawa 3
Tampa Bay 4, Edmonton 3
Columbus 4, Dallas 2
Nashville 4, Colorado 0
Calgary 2, Minnesota 1
San Jose 3, Chicago 2
Detroit 3, Los Angeles 0

Today's Games

Washington at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
St. Louis at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Mid-Atlantic Hockey League

	W	L	T	Pts
Indiana	24	1	0	48
Wooster	13	10	2	28
Mon Valley	10	13	3	23
Jamestown	10	16	0	20
Valley Forge	7	17	2	16

Friday

Valley Forge at Jamestown

Saturday

Jamestown at Indiana
Wooster at Valley Forge

Sunday

Mon Valley at Indiana (4 p.m.)

Sports moves

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with INF-OF Freddie Bynum, RHP Jim Johnson, RHP Bob McCrory, INF Scott Moore and RHP Dennis Sarfate on one-year contracts and RHP Lance Cormier on a minor league contract.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms with RHP Octavio Dotel on a two-year contract and INF-OF Alexei Ramirez on a four-year contract. Designated RHP David Aardsma for assignment.

DETROIT TIGERS—Invited RHP Francis Beltran, RHP Freddy Dolsi, RHP Jeff Gerbe, RHP Chris Lambert, RHP Preston Larrison, RHP Aquilino Lopez, RHP Matt Mantei, C Joe Bowen, C Dusty Ryan, C Dane Sardinha, C James Skelton, C Max St. Pierre, C Nick Trzesniak, INF Michael Hollimon, INF Jeff Larish, INF Scott Sizemore, INF Danny Worth, OF Matt Joyce, OF Timo Perez, OF Wilkin Ramirez and OF Clete Thomas to spring training camp.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Named Carmelo Martinez Latin American field coordinator, Mark Riggins minor league pitching coordinator, Jose Serra Latin American operations managers, Hector Ortega Latin American supervisor, Charlie Aliano eastern regional scout supervisor, Bill Harford major league scout and Mike Valarezo special assistant to the general manager.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with RHP Dave Borkowski on a one-year contract.

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with OF Endy Chavez on a two-year contract.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Named Mike Easler hitting coach. Announced Don Mattingly will shift to major league special assignment coach.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

ATLANTA HAWKS—Announced the resignation of Bernie Mullin, president of the Hawks and Atlanta Thrashers.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed K Rhys Lloyd to a two-year contract.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Named James Saxon running backs coach and Evan Marcus strength and conditioning coach.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Fired James Lofton, wide receivers coach, and Matt Simon, running backs coach.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed Jon Gruden, coach, and Bryce Allen, general manager, to three-year contract extensions.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Promoted vice president of football operations Vinny Cerrato to executive vice president of football operations.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Activated C Andrew Murray from the injured list. Placed C Sergei Fedorov on the injured list. Traded D Darcy Campbell and C Philippe Dupuis to Colorado for RW Mark Rycroft.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Recalled F Josh Langfeld from Milwaukee (AHL).

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Assigned F Denis Tolpeko to Philadelphia (AHL).

PHOENIX COYOTES—Re-signed G Ilya Bryzgalov to a three-year contract.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Fired John Ferguson, general manager. Named Cliff Fletcher interim general manager.

VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Placed C Kris Beech on waivers. Recalled LW Jason Jaffray from Manitoba (AHL).

Brandon Rush and Kansas will host Iowa State at 7 p.m. on ESPN.

Sports dial

Today

Television

3 p.m. - ESPN2 - Australian Open, tennis, tape delay.

7 p.m. - ESPN2 - Georgia Tech at North Carolina State, college basketball.

7 p.m. - ESPN - Iowa State at Kansas, college basketball.

7 p.m. - Fox Sports - Pitt at St. John's, college basketball.

9 p.m. - Fox Sports - St. Bonaventure at Duquesne, college basketball.

9 p.m. - ESPN - Los Angeles Lakers at San Antonio, pro basketball.

9:30 p.m. - ESPN2 - Australian Open, tennis.

Radio

6 p.m. - WCAL (91.9 FM) - California at Shippensburg, women's college basketball.

7 p.m. - WWSW (94.5 FM) , WBGG (970) - Pitt at St. John's, college basketball.

7 p.m. - WEAE (1250) - Purdue at Penn State, college basketball.

8 p.m. - WCAL (91.9 FM) - California at Shippensburg, college basketball.

9 p.m. - KQV (1410) - St. Bonaventure at Duquesne, college basketball.

Thursday

Television

3:30 a.m. - ESPN2 - Australian Open, tennis.

PSAC standings

Men

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Edinboro	2	0	12	4
Indiana	1	0	9	7
Lock Haven	1	1	1	15
California	1	0	10	4
Clarion	0	2	8	8
Shippensburg	0	2	6	11
Slippery Rock	1	1	3	13

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Millersville	2	0	12	4
Kutztown	2	0	10	5
East Stroudsburg	1	0	12	3
Cheyney	1	1	8	6
West Chester	0	1	8	7
Bloomsburg	0	2	8	8
Mansfield	0	2	12	4

Today

California at Shippensburg
Slippery Rock at Indiana
Lock Haven at Clarion
Bloomsburg at East Stroudsburg
West Chester at Cheyney
Millersville at Kutztown
District of Columbia at Mansfield

Women

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Shippensburg	2	0	14	3
Indiana	1	0	16	1
California	1	0	14	2
Edinboro	1	1	10	5
Slippery Rock	1	1	7	10
Clarion	0	2	10	6
Lock Haven	0	2	5	11

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Millersville	2	0	12	4
West Chester	1	0	9	6
East Stroudsburg	1	0	7	8
Kutzown	1	1	8	9
Bloomsburg	1	1	5	11
Mansfield	0	2	5	12
Cheyney	0	2	3	12

Today

California at Shippensburg
Lock Haven at Clarion
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Bloomsburg at East Stroudsburg
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Millersville at Kutztown

College basketball

EAST

UMBC 62, Boston U. 40

SOUTH

Auburn 78, Presbyterian 65
Clemson 80, Wake Forest 75, OT
Kentucky 72, Tennessee 66

MIDWEST

Chicago St. 83, CS Northridge 75
Drake 68, Creighton 60, OT
E. Michigan 68, Toledo 44
N. Illinois 60, Ball St. 58
Ohio St. 64, Illinois 58
W. Michigan 72, Cent. Michigan 52
Wisconsin 64, Michigan 61

SOUTHWEST

Texas-Pan American 82, Houston Baptist 68

FAR WEST

Air Force 75, Colorado St. 59
New Mexico 77, Utah 67, OT
Utah Valley St. 68, N.C. Central 52

WOMEN

EAST

Georgetown 57, Seton Hall 56
Hartford 62, Binghamton 45
Massachusetts 91, Yale 57
Pittsburgh 70, St. John's 64
UMBC 56, Albany, N.Y. 55
Villanova 70, Providence 50
Xavier 68, Duquesne 55

MIDWEST

Buffalo 78, Kent St. 71
Charlotte 64, Dayton 51
DePaul 81, Notre Dame 80
IPFW 66, Texas-Pan American 52
Miami (Ohio) 63, Bowling Green 60
Ohio 78, Akron 64

High school boys' basketball standings

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Chartiers Valley	7	0	18	1
Keystone Oaks	6	1	11	9
Ringgold	3	4	6	15
South Park	3	4	8	11
Trinity	2	5	5	13
McGuffey	0	7	3	15

Tuesday

Chartiers Valley 61, Ringgold 45
Keystone Oaks 83, Trinity 66
South Park 62, McGuffey 50

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Belle Vernon Area	6	1	14	5
Steel Valley	4	3	12	5
West Mifflin	4	3	9	8
Thomas Jefferson	4	3	6	11
Yough	2	5	6	13
Elizabeth Forward	1	6	5	15

Tuesday

Belle Vernon Area 67, Steel Valley 61
West Mifflin 64, Elizabeth Forward 52
Thomas Jefferson 51, Yough 49

Today

Southmoreland at Belle Vernon Area

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	11	0	16	4
Washington	10	1	16	5
Burgettstown	7	4	13	5
Brownsville	6	5	10	10
Charleroi	5	6	10	10
C-Houston	4	7	10	10
Waynesburg	1	10	3	15
Beth-Center	0	11	3	17

Tuesday

Monessen 64, Charleroi 25
Brownsville 58, Burgettstown 50
C-Houston 73, Beth-Center 47
Washington 60, Waynesburg 33

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
California	7	0	12	4
Carmichaels	5	2	13	4
Geibel	3	3	4	11
Mapletown	3	3	9	9
Jeff-Morgan	1	5	5	14
West Greene	0	6	1	13

Tuesday

California 51, Carmichaels 45
Mapletown 72, Geibel 60

Today

Jeff-Morgan at West Greene
C-Houston at Carmichaels

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Serra	9	0	17	1
Bentworth	7	3	13	5
Clairton	6	3	9	8
Sacred Heart	5	5	6	14
Cornell	4	5	10	8
Avella	2	8	7	12
Frazier	0	9	2	16

Tuesday

Clairton 67, Bentworth 57
Sacred Heart 54, Frazier 43
Cornell 62, Avella 59
Serra 103, Quigley 55

Today

Serra at South Allegheny

High school girls' standings

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Ringgold	6	1	14	5
Chartiers Valley	6	1	13	6
West Allegheny	4	3	9	10
Keystone Oaks	3	4	6	12
McGuffey	2	5	7	12
Waynesburg	0	7	4	14

Tuesday

Chartiers Valley 59, Ringgold 53

Thursday

McGuffey at Ringgold
Chartiers Valley at Waynesburg
Keystone Oaks at West Allegheny

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
West Mifflin	7	0	16	3
Elizabeth Forward	5	2	16	4
Thomas Jefferson	5	2	9	10
Steel Valley	2	5	9	10
Belle Vernon Area	2	5	5	14
Yough	0	7	7	13

Tuesday

Mt. Pleasant 55, Belle Vernon Area 36

Thursday

Belle Vernon Area at Thomas Jefferson
Elizabeth Forward at Steel Valley
Yough at West Mifflin

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Washington	9	0	19	1
Beth-Center	7	3	14	5
Brownsville	6	4	14	7
Charleroi	5	4	10	10
Bentworth	4	5	10	9
C-Houston	1	8	5	16
Burgettstown	1	9	4	17

Tuesday

Beth-Center 38, C-Houston 36
Charleroi 41, McGuffey 37
Burgettstown 45, West Greene 27

Thursday

Brownsville at Charleroi
C-Houston at Bentworth
Washington at Beth-Center

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
Geibel	7	0	13	5
Carmichaels	6	1	10	9
Mapletown	3	4	10	6
California	3	4	7	11
West Greene	1	6	1	18
Jeff-Morgan	1	6	2	17

Thursday

Mapletown at California
West Greene at Geibel
Carmichaels at Jeff-Morgan

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	8	0	19	0
Serra	6	2	10	5
Clairton	5	3	8	6
Avella	3	4	9	8
Trinity Christian	2	7	5	13
Frazier	0	8	0	20

Tuesday

Monessen 47, Washington 43

Today

Clairton at Jeannette
Serra at South Allegheny

Thursday

Monessen at Frazier
Clairton at Avella

High school lineups

BOYS

Monessen - 64

Stepoli, 6-0-12; Parker, 1-0-2; Wall, 4-1-7; Tyree, 5-2-12; Brandemarte, 2-0-5; Pritchett, 2-1-5; Minnie, 1-0-2; Jeffries, 5-0-11; P. Kunsa, 1-0-3; B. Kunsa, 1-0-3; Sepesky, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 28, F - 4 (6), T - 64.

Charleroi - 25

Hank, 3-1-8; Androsko, 0-2-2; Obade, 2-0-6; Pappasergi, 0-0-0; DiPazza, 0-0-0; Bell, 0-0-0; Price, 1-0-2; Strelek, 0-1-1; Anderson, 2-0-4; Honks, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 10, F - 4 (9), T - 25.

Score by quarters:

Charleroi	6	6	6	7	25
Monessen	25	17	12	10	64

Three-pointers: Monessen - Brandemarte, Jeffries, P. Kunsa, B. Kunsa; Charleroi - Hank.

Belle Vernon Area - 67

Dudzinski, 11-9-32; Naylor, 4-2-11; Pohlot, 6-2-16; CoryWilliams, 1-0-2; Lustig, 2-2-6. Totals: FG - 24, F - 15 (25), T - 67.

Steel Valley - 61

Carr, 4-2-11; McNeil, 3-1-7; Sabo, 4-1-12; Siniawski, 4-0-8; Thomas, 3-1-8; Zelena, 5-0-10; McDonald, 1-0-2; Smith, 1-0-3. Totals: FG - 25, F - 5 (9), T - 61.

Score by quarters:

Steel Valley	11	15	10	19	6 - 61
BV Area	15	9	20	11	12 - 67

Three-pointers: BVA - Pohlot 2, Naylor, Dudzinski. Steel Valley - Sabo 3, Carr, Thomas, Smith.

Chartiers Valley - 61

McConnell, 7-0-17; Poletti, 3-2-10; Lindsey, 5-2-12; Witmer, 2-0-5; Landy, 3-0-7; Noszka, 4-0-10. Totals: FG - 24, F - 4 (6), T - 61.

Ringgold - 45

Bassi, 4-0-9; Brownlee, 4-1-11; Mountain, 2-0-4; Bekavac, 2-4-8; Patch, 1-0-3; Smith, 2-0-4; Resanovich, 3-0-6; Madur, 0-0-0. Totals; FG - 19, F - 3 (8), T - 45.

Score by quarters:

Ringgold	11	11	12	11	45
Chartiers	16	11	19	15	61

Three-pointers: Ringgold - Brownlee 2, Bassim Patch. Chartiers Valley - McConnell 3, Poletti 2, Noszka 2, Witmer, Landy.

Clairton - 67

Weatherspoon, 3-0-7; Rochelle 12-0-27; Green, 0-2-2; Meade, 1-0-2; Thompson, 7-1-17; Johnson, 2-0-4; James, 1-0-2; Howard, 2-0-6. Totals: FG - 28, F - 6 (14), T - 67.

Bentworth - 57

Jon Kennedy, 10-6-27; Joe Kennedy, 4-0-8; Selvosky, 2-1-5; Chase Roman, 1-0-2; Jansante, 3-1-7; Sevcik, 1-0-2; Clay Roman, 2-2-6. Totals: FG - 23, F - 10 (14), T - 57.

Score by quarters:

Clairton	14	7	27	19	- 67
Bentworth	11	11	18	17	- 57

Three-pointers: Clairton - Thompson 2, Howard 2, Weatherspoon. Bentworth - John Kennedy.

West Mifflin - 64

Rocky Washington, 5-2-16; Rashad Washington , 11-3-25; Staples, 2-1-5; Prince, 2-0-4; Stanzel, 1-0-3; C. Robinson, 2-0-5; Hester, 1-2-4; Harris, 1-0-2; A. Robinson, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 26, F - 8 (17), T - 64.

Elizabeth Forward - 52

Cunning, 9-1-22; Giansante, 2-2-6; Gibbons, 3-1-7; Austin, 3-4-10; Styche, 0-2-2; Means, 1-1-3; LaVelle, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 19, F - 11 (19), T - 52.

Score by quarters:

West Mifflin	23	14	13	14	- 64
Elizabeth	13	13	16	10	- 52

Three-pointers: West Mifflin - Rocky Washington 2, Stanzel, C. Robinson. Elizabeth - Cunning 3.

GIRLS

Monessen - 47

Chukwuedo, 5-6-16; Mornak, 2-4-8; Stepoli, 1-1-3; Popovich, 0-0-0; Minard, 2-4-8; Diggs, 0-1-1; Beveridge, 4-0-11. Totals: FG-14, F-16(22), T-47.

Washington - 43

Phillips, 2-2-7; Jackson, 3-4-12; Sargent, 5-1-11; Floyd, 3-2-8; Jolly, 1-3-5; Cochran, 0-0-0; Evans, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 14, F-12(21), T-43.

Score by quarters:

Washington	9	9	12	13	- 43
Monessen	11	16	7	13	- 47

Three-pointers: Wash - Jackson 2, Phillips; Mon - Beveridge 3.

Chartiers Valley - 59

Braithwaite, 1-5-8; Bott, 7-0-15; Restich, 6-10-23; Mazzarini, 1-0-2; Aleski, 1-3-6; Adams, 2-0-5. Totals: FG - 17, F - 18 (30), T - 59.

Ringgold - 53

Affinito, 4-0-10; Schartner, 5-2-12; Selby, 6-0-12; Resanovich, 1-0-2; Leach, 7-0-14; Melzer, 1-0-3. Totals: FG - 24, F - 2 (5), T - 53.

Score by quarters:

Ringgold	6	14	16	17	- 53
Chartiers	10	15	18	16	- 59

Three-pointers: Ringgold - Affinito 2, Melzer. Chartiers Valley - Braithwaite, Bott, Restich, Aleski, Adams.

Charleroi - 41

Neff, 7-2-16; Lee, 4-4-13; Shannon, 4-0-8; Sidary, 0-2-2; Samoda, 0-2-2. Totals: FG - 15, F - 10 (18), T - 41.

McGuffey - 37

Schober, 4-3-11; Czulewicz, 7-4-19; Sismondi, 1-3-6; Pattison, 0-1-1; Sheperd, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 15, F - 10 (18), T - 37.

Score by quarters:

McGuffey	8	8	11	10	- 37
Charleroi	13	6	14	8	- 41

Three-pointers: Charleroi - Lee, McGuffey - Sismondo, Czulewicz.

High school scores

BOYS

Aliquippa 87, Freedom 37
Allderdice 71, Langley 65
Beaver Falls 83, South Side Beaver 38
Belle Vernon Area 67, Steel Valley 61
Canevin 58, Sto-Rox 52
Blackhawk 53, Ambridge 48
Brashear 79, Carrick 77
Brownsville 58, Burgettstown 50
California 51, Carmichaels 45
Canon-McMillan 58, Baldwin 42
Center 59, New Brighton 50
Central Catholic 74, Penn Hills 62
Chartiers Valley 61, Ringgold 45
Chartiers-Houston 73, Beth-Center 47
Clairton 67, Bentworth 57
Cornell 62, Avella 59
East Allegheny 62, Freeport 58
Elderton 49, Trinity Christian 44
Franklin Regional 84, Connellsville 68
Gateway 69, Fox Chapel 58
Greens. Central 71, Apollo-Ridge 51
Hempfield 81, Albert Gallatin 60

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	33	6	.846	
Toronto	22	19	.537	11
New Jersey	18	23	.439	16
Philadelphia	16	25	.390	18
New York	13	28	.317	21

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	26	17	.605	
Washington	22	17	.564	2
Atlanta	17	20	.459	6
Charlotte	16	25	.390	9
Miami	8	32	.200	16 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	29	13	.690	-
Cleveland	22	18	.550	6
Indiana	19	23	.452	10
Chicago	16	24	.400	12
Milwaukee	16	26	.381	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	28	12	.700	
Dallas	27	13	.675	1
San Antonio	26	13	.667	1 1/2
Houston	22	19	.537	6 1/2
Memphis	12	29	.293	16 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	25	16	.610	-
Denver	22	16	.600	1/2
Utah	24	18	.571	1 1/2
Seattle	9	32	.220	16
Minnesota	6	34	.150	18 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	30	12	.714	-
L.A. Lakers	27	12	.692	1 1/2
Golden State	25	18	.581	5 1/2
Sacramento	18	22	.450	11
L.A. Clippers	12	25	.324	15 1/2

Tuesday's Games

Phoenix 114, Milwaukee 105
Sacramento 128, New Jersey 94

Today's Games

Detroit at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Washington at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Portland at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Denver, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Football conferences

Quad A

Blackhawk, Central Valley, Conway, Beaver, South Allegheny, North Park, Pine-Richland, Seneca Valley and Shaler.

Football - Connellsville, Gateway, Hempfield, Latrobe, Mt. Pleasant, Norwin and Penn-Trafford.

Big East - Central Catholic, Fox Chapel, Kiski, Penn Hills, Plum and Woodland Hills.

Great Southern - Belle Vernon Area, Bethel Park, Canon-McMillan, Mt. Lebanon, Peters Township and Upper St. Clair.

Class AAA

Big Seven - Belle Vernon Area, Ringgold, Elizabeth Forward, Thomas Jefferson, Chartiers Valley, Trinity and West Mifflin.

Keystone - Yough, Albert Gallatin, Latrobe, Greensburg Salem, Laurel Highlands, Uniontown and Southmoreland.

Parkway - Ambridge, Blackhawk, Hopewell, Aliquippa, Akron, New Castle and West Allegheny.

Greater Allegheny - Franklin Regional, Hampton, Highlands, Indiana, Knoch and Mars.

Class AA

Interstate - Charleroi, Brownsville, East Allegheny, Greensburg Central Catholic, Jeannette, McGuffey, Mt. Pleasant, South Allegheny, Washington and Waynesburg.

Centers - Canevin, Cornell, Keystone Oaks, Northgate, Quaker Valley, Seton LaSalle, South Fayette, South Park, Sto-Rox and Steel Valley.

Allegheny - Apollo-Ridge, Burrell, Deer Lakes, Ford City, Freeport, Kittanning, Shady Side Academy, Summit Academy, Valley and West Shamokin.

Mid-Western - Aliquippa, Beaver, Beaver Falls, Center, Ellwood City, Freedom, Mohawk, New Brighton and Riverside.

Class A

Tri-County South - Monessen, California, Beth-Center, Carmichaels, Geibel, Jeff-Morgan, Mapletown and West Greene.

Black Hills - Bentworth, Frazier, Avella, Burgettstown, Chartiers Houston, Clairton, Fort Cherry and Serra.

Big Seven - Laurel Highlands, Neshannock, Portersville, Shenango, South Side Beaver, Union and Western Beaver.

Eastern - Avonworth, Brentwood, Carlynton, Leechburg, North Catholic, Riverview, Springdale and Wilkinsburg.

Latest Line

BEST BET: Boston is a very solid 10-0 straight up and 9-0-1 vs. the spread its last 10 games against Atlantic Division opponents. Take Boston -9 1/2 for another Best Bet winner.

NFL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Sunday, Feb 3		
Super Bowl XLII		
University of Phoenix		
Stadium Glendale, AZ.		
New England	12	(54) NY Giants

NBA

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Detroit	6 1/2	PHILADELPHIA
Dallas	1 1/2	CHARLOTTE
CLEVELAND	4 1/2	Washington
BOSTON	9 1/2	Toronto
Orlando	3	MEMPHIS
NEW ORLEANS	7	Portland
Phoenix	8 1/2	MINNESOTA
CHICAGO	3	Indiana
SAN ANTONIO	6	LA Lakers
DENVER	9 1/2	Atlanta
Houston	6	SEATTLE
LA CLIPPERS	2	Sacramento

College Basketball

Favorite	Points	Underdog
ST. JOSEPH'S	6 1/2	Massachusetts
Miami (Ohio)	4	BOWLING GREEN
Villanova	9	RUTGERS
Ohio	4 1/2	BUFFALO
CENTRAL FLA	4	Texas El Paso
DUQUESNE	15	St. Bonaventure
FLORIDA ST	4 1/2	Virginia
VA Commonwealth	6	HOFSTRA
INDIANA St	5	Evansville
J. MADISON	4 1/2	Delaware
KANSAS	26	Iowa State
KENT STATE	3 1/2	Akron
NC Charlotte	2	LA SALLE
RH. ISLAND	14	G. Washington
N. CAR. St	2 1/2	Georgia Tech
NC Wilm'g'n	3 1/2	Northeastern
Purdue	2	PENN STATE
TEMPLE	19	Pennsylvania
TOWSON St	5	Georgia State
Louisville	7	SOUTH FLORIDA
Pittsburgh	5 1/2	ST. JOHN'S
Connecticut	8	CINCINNATI
DREXEL	2 1/2	William & Mary
x-West Virginia	13	Marshall
Illinois State	3 1/2	BRADLEY
BYU	9 1/2	San Diego State
G. MASON	8	Old Dominion
MISSOURI St	4 1/2	Southern Illinois
Houston	13	RICE
W. Kentucky	3 1/2	NEW ORLEANS
ALABAMA	14	East Carolina
TEXAS A&M	9	Baylor
TEXAS TECH	2	Missouri
Memphis	13	TULSA
Florida	2	S. CAROLINA

x-at Charleston, West Virginia.

Pitt women topple St. John's

NEW YORK (AP) — Pittsburgh coach Agnus Berenato was happy to finally walk away with a victory over St. John's.

Shavonte Zellous scored 28 points and the 19th-ranked Panthers ended a six-game losing streak to the Red Storm with a 70-64 victory on Tuesday night.

"I'm so proud of our team that we weather the storm," Berenato said. "It wasn't pretty but it goes down as a win and I'll take an ugly win over a pretty loss any day."

Zellous scored 20 of her 28 in the second half as Pitt won its ninth straight game.

Marcedes Walker added 12 points and 11 rebounds for the Panthers (15-3, 5-0 Big East), who are 5-0 in the conference for only the second time in school history. The No. 19 ranking matches the highest for Pitt, which was also ranked 19th on Dec. 18, 1979.

"It means a lot being ranked and we have a lot at stake against St. John's," Walker said.

Kristin Moore scored a career-high 15 points to lead St. John's (10-8, 1-4).

"It makes me excited to see her have a game like this," said Kia Wright, who added 10 for the Red Storm. "Now she's got to do it every game."

Wright, Sky Lindsay, and Monique McLean, who all average in double figures for the Red Storm, were a combined 3-for-22 from the field.

"Our starting guard combo has been struggling at lot at this point," St. John's coach Kim Barnes Arico said. "Sky and Monique are very talented players and I figure they are going to get hot at some point."

It was the third straight ranked opponent that the Red Storm have faced. They lost in overtime at DePaul and played West Virginia tough for a half before getting routed.

St. John's offensive woes continued in the first half against Pitt. Leading 15-14 with 11:55 left in the first half, the Red Storm made just one of their next 17 shots over the next 10 minutes.

SPORTS

Crosby won't return until mid-March

Penguins' star expected to be out of action 6 to 8 weeks.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — If Sidney Crosby wants any advice on dealing with the first major injury of his hockey career, he needs only to bring up the subject at the dinner table.

After all, who is better versed on handling a bad injury than Penguins co-owner Mario Lemieux, the team's longtime but oft-injured star?

Crosby, the NHL's marquee name and the player the Penguins are building a Stanley Cup contender around, learned Tuesday he will be out for six to eight weeks with a high ankle sprain.

The timetable is what the Penguins realistically expected almost from the moment Crosby was hurt during the first period Friday night against Tampa Bay. Still, the 20-year-old Crosby thought his age and superb conditioning might allow him to return sooner.

"I was hoping three or four weeks would be the most," Crosby said, talking publicly Tuesday for the first time since being hurt. "It doesn't look like it will be like that. We'll see how fast I heal."

If Crosby is out for eight weeks, or until mid-March, he would miss most of the remaining regular season. That would be major setback to the Penguins, who are locked in a three-way race with the Devils and Flyers for the Atlantic Division lead.

The Penguins are 10-1-2 in their last 13 games but are only 1-2-3 in the six games they've played without Crosby the last three seasons.

Still, the Penguins are very familiar with coping with the loss of a major star to a major injury. It happened repeatedly to Lemieux as he sat out the equivalent of 9 1/2 seasons due to back problems, cancer, a heart condition and other injuries during a Hall of Fame career that began in 1984 and ended in 2006.

"His injuries were a little different from mine — cancer and life-threatening things are a little different," said Crosby, who lives in Lemieux's house during the season. "But he's definitely someone who knows. We'll see if I need to pick his brain at some point."

The injury comes at a bad time for the league, with Crosby expected to be the big drawing card at Sunday's All-Star game in Atlanta. Crosby was tied for the league scoring lead with 63 points when he was hurt.

Crosby, the league's reigning scoring champion and MVP, will stay back in Pittsburgh to rest and won't attend the game as a spectator. Penguins teammate Evgeni Malkin was chosen as Crosby's All-Star replacement.

Other athletes who have had a high ankle sprain — it is common in the NFL — say it is frustrating because rehabilitation alone can't cure it and considerable rest is needed.

"The big thing with this is time. You really can't do very much," said Crosby, who will wear a protective boot for about two weeks. "Right now, it's just pretty much sit and wait."

Or exactly what Crosby didn't want to be doing as teams begin to separate themselves in the Eastern Conference playoff race. In the 12 most recent games he played before getting hurt, Crosby had five goals and 15 assists for 20 points.

Sidney Crosby

"It's not fun watching, you wish you were out there," said Crosby, who viewed Pittsburgh's 6-5 shootout loss to Washington on Monday night from Lemieux's private box. "Especially with the adversity our team has. We have a lot of injuries right now, and guys are battling through it."

The Penguins are currently without goalie Marc-Andre Fleury (ankle), forwards Gary Roberts (broken leg) and Colby Armstrong (bruised hip) and defenseman Mark Eaton (knee, out for the season).

Char Valley sweeps Rams

Ringgold's basketball teams didn't have a good night in a doubleheader at Chartiers Valley Tuesday.

First, the Lady Rams suffered a frustrating 59-53 defeat to slip into a first-place tie in Class AAA Section 4 with the winners.

Then the Rams went down to a 61-45 setback to the Class AAA Section 4 leading Colts.

The Lady Rams (14-5, 6-1) were hit with two technicals and saw the Lady Colts go 18 of 30 at the foul line while Ringgold shot only five free throws including one after the first quarter.

Sophomore Tabitha Leach had 14 points for Ringgold with Emily Schartner and Alina Selby each adding 12 and Jennie Affinito 10.

Schartner fouled out with Affinito, Selby and Leach each finishing with four.

Erica Restich had a game-high 23 points for the Lady Colts (13-6, 6-1) including 14 in the second half.

The Rams (6-15, 3-4), meanwhile, were outscored 34-23 in the second half after trailing only 27-22 at intermission.

R.J. Brownlee topped Ringgold with 11 points while T.J. McConnell had 17 points for the Colts (18-1, 7-0), who are on a 17-game winning streak.

Basketball roundup

Clairton's boys downed Bentworth, 67-57,to move to with a half-game of the second place Bearcats in Class A Section 3.

The Bears' Demetrius Rochelle and the Bearcats' Jon Kennedy both had 27 points.

In another Section 3 contest, Frazier was a 54-42 loser to Sacred Heart.

Frank Bartolomucci and Eric Rock were high for the Commodores with 13 and 11 points, respectively.

In Class AAA Section 5, Elizabeth Forward was a 64-52 loser to West Mifflin and Yough fell to Thomas Jefferson, 51-49.

Jared Cunning had 22 points foe the Warriors and Ben Hoffer 20 for the Cougars.

Charleroi's girls evened their record at 10-10 with a 41-27 non-section win over McGuffey as Mikayla Neff (16) and Aly Lee (11) combined for 27 points.

Homgren will coach one more season

Seattle mentor has another year left on his contract.

By GREGG BELL
AP Sports Writer

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Before Mike Holmgren decided to return for one — and only one — more season coaching the Seahawks, he signed a new pact.

Not with Seattle ... with his wife.

"She's making me fill out this little contract: 'Upon completion of your last game: The laundry; the garbage; the whole deal,'" Holmgren joked Tuesday when asked what he may feel like after he fulfills the final season of a two-year contract.

What if he really does want to keep coaching beyond a 17th season as a head man in the NFL? What if he wants to keep doing what he's done every football season since 1971, when he was a history teacher and assistant coach at Lincoln High School in San Francisco?

"I've made some promises," he said of Kathy, his wife of 37 years with whom he escaped last weekend to their vacation home in Arizona to contemplate retirement.

Holmgren, nicknamed "The Big Show" when he arrived in 1999 from a Super Bowl pedigree in Green Bay to become Seattle's coach and general manager, thought about the monotonous summers of 22 NFL training camps. Of sleeping in college dorms in beds too short. Of missing "a normal kind of Christmas and Thanksgiving, the things that most people enjoy," with his family of four daughters and four granddaughters.

He and Kathy decided he would do it all one more time.

Still, the 59-year-old former quarterback at Southern California was so uneasy about that choice Tuesday morning he called his wife at her job as a nurse at a clinic in downtown Seattle, just to be sure.

"Look it, it will probably be an emotional time," he said of a 2008 season that will become a farewell tour he doesn't want. "But it is what it is.

"Kathy and I came to this decision to finish my contract. This will be my last year. We are going to work very hard to finish the job that I hoped to do when I first came, that's to get to the Super Bowl and win one. And then probably after that, I will take a little time off — but not yet. We are going to go after it hard."

Two days after Seattle lost at Green Bay in the NFC divisional playoffs, Holmgren was asked if there was a third possibility beyond retiring or finishing the final season of his contract. He signed his extension soon after the Seahawks lost in the Super Bowl to Pittsburgh 23 months ago, at the end of a deal that was paying him about $7 million per season.

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Holmgren said yes to the "longer, larger" option of another contract extension beyond 2008, but the Seahawks have never approached him about it.

Tuesday, Holmgren said his comments about an extension were overblown and "misinterpreted," that the decision was always about working one more season or retiring.

The Seahawks have a likely heir to Holmgren in place in Jim Mora.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Jean Pronovost scored two goals and Denis Herron made 40 saves in the Pittsburgh Penguins' 3-1 win over the New York Rangers.

20 Years Ago

The Taylor cousins, Craig (23) and Yancey (20), combined for 43 points in Ringgold's 78-57 win over Elizabeth Forward.

Steve Kovatch and Chuck Kelley both had 23 points in Belle Vernon Area's 64-60 loss to Connellsville.

Jimbo Malinchak's 18 points were high in Monessen's 75-55 romp over Mon Valley Catholic.

Garnett Rawls scored 19 points in Charleroi's 59-49 win over Frazier.

Mike Tyson, 21, retained his undisputed heavyweight title with a fourth round knockout win over 38-year-old Larry Holmes.

10 Years Ago

Matt Eisley scored a game-high 23 points to lead Belle Vernon Area to a record-tying 18th straight win over Mt. Pleasant, 48-39.

Paul Figel scored 18 points in Monessen's 74-68 defeat to Geibel.

Rod Davis had a career high 14 points in Ringgold's 55-52 defeat at Connellsville.

Marc Giorgi hit five of six free throws in overtime after tying the game with a three-pointer with three seconds left in regulation time in Charleroi's 50-46 victory at Southmoreland.

SPORTS DIGEST

BVA swimmers split with Mt. Pleasant

Belle Vernon Area's swimmers p;lit with Mt. Pleasant.

The Leps were an 86-67 winner with the Lady Leps losing 111-59.

Taking firsts for the Leps were Andre Maldonado (200 individual medley and 100 backstroke), Zachary Wardle (100 freestyle), Brendan Lacey (500 freestyle), Adam Hamill (100 breaststroke), the 200 medley relay team of Cory Wyke, Hamill, Aaron Mikula and Jay Lewis and the 200 freestyle relay team of Maldonado,Hamill, Wardle and Lacey.

Courtnee Basista had the lone fist for the Lady Leps in the 500 freestyle.

BVA cagers drop Connellsville East

The trio of Conor Shutterly (12), Ian Dobbins (11) and Franklin Hewitt (10) combined for 33 points to lead Belle Vernon Area Middle School's basketball team to a 63-20 win over Connellsville East.

The Little Leps (13-3) host Charleroi today.

California beats Jefferson-Morgan

California Middle School's basketball team upped its record to i15-1 with a 53-26 romp over Jefferson-Morgan with Brian Fisher (23), Tanner Huffman (12) and Naz Victoria (10) leading the way.

Charleroi Jrs. sweep Washington

Charleroi Junior High's basketball team completed a season sweep of Washington by downing the Little Prexies, 46-40.

Vinnie Scirotto (16) and Stefon Stile (11) combined for 27 points for the Little Cougars (10-3). Scirotto also had seven assists.

Thunder players get MAHL honors

The Mon Valley Thunder's Gary Klapkowski and K.C. Hahey were named the Class A Mid-Atlantic Hockey League's Co-Players of the Week.

Teammate Dustin McDonald was named the goaltender of the week for the second time.

Monessen cagers down Waynesburg

Monessen Junior High's basketball team upped its record to 11-3 with a 68-48 win over Waynesburg with Cam Johnson (21), Jaylin Madison (190 and Trae Cook (10) combining for 50 points.

Pittsburgh gets bass tournament

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The city of Pittsburgh is angling to host another high-profile professional bass fishing tournament.

Representatives of FLW Outdoors plan a three-day visit to the city next week to meet with government and convention center officials about the 2009 Forest Wood Cup Championship. The winner of the four-day tournament receives $1 million.

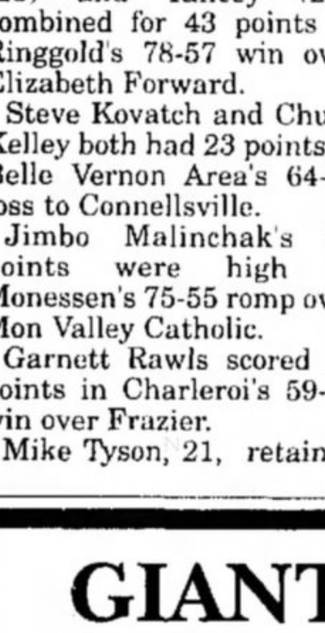
Trivia answer

Dallas Cowboys with eight.

GIANT NEWS, GIANT SAVINGS,

GIANT EAGLE

The Valley Independent



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Federer continues success against Blake

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Roger Federer has a lot of reasons to like James Blake.

The 12th-ranked American has a reputation as a nice guy away from the court and a good sportsman on it. More importantly for Federer, Blake always puts up a good fight against the Swiss star — before losing.

Top-ranked Federer ran his record against Blake to 8-0 and advanced to the Australian Open semifinals with a 7-5, 7-6 (5), 6-4 victory today.

Federer is seeking to win here for the third straight year and pull within one of Pete Sampras' record of 14 Grand Slam titles. He's also one step away from his 11th consecutive Grand Slam final after winning 19 matches in a row at Melbourne Park.

"It's great to be on top of the game for so long and be compared to the greats like Rod Laver and Sampras," Federer said.

He's not too worried about younger players stealing a little of the spotlight, either.

"I'm looking at history, looking at my own game," Federer said.

He next faces No. 3 Novak Djokovic, who beat No. 5 David Ferrer 6-0, 6-3, 7-5 to join two Serbian women in the semifinals. Ana Ivanovic ousted Venus Williams 7-6 (3), 6-4 on Wednesday, while Jelena Jankovic beat Serena Williams a day earlier.

The same three players reached the French Open semifinals last year on clay, proving they can win on different surfaces. Djokovic also made the Wimbledon semifinals and was runner-up to Federer at the U.S. Open.

U.S. flags were outnumbered by Swiss flags on a perfect night for tennis, and Federer had to be nearly perfect to beat Blake, who used his powerful forehand to keep the Swiss star from taking control of point.

"Playing against James, it's always great fun," said Federer, dressed in all-black again for a night match. "He's dangerous when he's even behind in the game. He made some incredible shots."

Blake's feelings about Federer were similar — to a point.

"He seems like one of the guys in the locker room," Blake said. "Then you go out there, he beats you. You come back in the locker room and he's one of the guys."

This was high-quality tennis, and the fans in packed Rod Laver Arena were on the edge of their seats as neither player gave an inch.

Young stay-at-home mom's fuse gets shorter every day

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: I have four beautiful children. I have tried to raise them to appreciate the importance of family and understand that love is the most important thing of all.

My problem is my youngest daughter, "Samantha," who is 24. She's divorced with two boys, ages 5 and 15 months. She lives at home with me and my husband, which is not an issue. What does bother me is that she flies off the handle and yells and screams about anything and everything. She doesn't get that trait from me. She learned it from her father.

I know my daughter loves her children, but she is showing less and less patience with them. I have tried to help her overcome this problem, but so far nothing has worked. She is hollering more than ever. I think she functions better when she is working full time, rather than being a stay-at-home mom.

My husband and I worry about Samantha and the kids, but we would also like to have more harmony, peace and quiet around here. I realize that counseling might help her, but we can't afford it. Have you any other options? — **NEVADA MOM AND GRANDMA**

DEAR NEVADA MOM: While it may be unrealistic for you to expect peace and quiet in a household with two active boys under the age of 6, your daughter is only fueling the fire by losing control and yelling and screaming.

Children learn by example, and my concern is that she may be perpetuating the same destructive habits she learned from her father and teaching her sons unacceptable behavior.

Your daughter may be frustrated because she feels trapped in her role as a stay-at-home mother and could possibly benefit by allowing herself some time for herself. As I say in my booklet, "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It," "Having one's freedom of movement restricted, or feeling 'tied down,' often makes one angry." The first step in dealing with one's anger is to recognize that you are getting angry BEFORE you lose control and express the anger inappropriately.

My anger booklet can be ordered by sending a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $6 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby — Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447.

DEAR ABBY: I am a stay-at-home mom with two little girls.

My problem is that my father-in-law insists on visiting us when his son - my husband - is at work.

I find it weird and imposing.

I have already voiced my discomfort to my husband.

He tells me I am being ridiculous and selfish.

Is that so?

My father-in-law also shows up at my part-time job unannounced to "visit" me.

Am I being ridiculous? -- **INVADED IN SHORT HILLS, N.J.**

DEAR INVADED: Could your father-in-law be bored, lonely or physically attracted to you?

Wanting to spend time with the grandchildren is understandable, but visiting you at your job sends another message.

At the very least, assuming he can drop by any time and you will entertain him is presumptuous.

You are neither ridiculous nor selfish.

Your father-in-law appears to have no boundaries.

He owes you the courtesy of calling before coming over to ask if it would be convenient.

If you are uncomfortable alone with him, listen to your gut and refuse to have him over unless your husband is at home.

DEAR ABBY: We are throwing our dad a surprise party for his 60th birthday.

Instead of gifts for our dad, my sisters and I would like to have the gifts go to charity.

How would we word that on the invitation? — **MARGARET IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR MARGARET: Include in the invitation a note that says: "The gift of your presence will be present enough for Dad. However, if you feel you must give something, then a donation to [illegible] in his honor would be appreciated."

WEDNESDAY EVENING

JAN. 23, 2008

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS (2) KDKA (7) WTRF (10) WTAJ	News (N)	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric/ (7) Entertainment/ (10) Inside	(2) Insider/ (7) Chesapeake Energy Capital/ (10) Two Men	(2) (10) Power of 10 Contestants guess to win money. (N)/ (7) College Basketball Teams TBA.		(2) (10) Criminal Minds "Limelight" A self-storage unit reveals evidence of a serial killer. (N)		CSI: NY "All in the Family" Two murder victims are discovered. (N)		News (N)	Late Show With David Letterman The Redwalls. (N)		The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Carmen Electra. (N)		(2) Extra (7) The Insider (10) Everybody Loves Raymond	(2) Paid (7) Paid/ Power of 10	(2) Paid/ (7) CBS Up to the Minute
ABC (4) WTAE (23) WATM	(4) News (N)/ (23) The Insider (N)	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition/ (23) Jeopardy! (N)	(4) Entertainment Tonight/ (23) Wheel of Fortune	Wife Swap "Galvan/Martin-Portala" A laid-back magician's wife trades places with a micro-managing mother. (N)		Supernanny "Terrill Family" A single dad gets help on raising his two boys. (N)		Cashmere Mafia "The Deciders" Caitlin and Alicia attend a lesbian bridal shower. (N)		(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (N)/ (23) News (N)	Nightline (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live		(4) Oprah Winfrey/ (23) Paid	(23) Paid	(4) Paid/ Jerry Springer	(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11
NBC (6) WJAC (9) WTOV (11) WPXI	News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight (N)/ (9) (11) Jeopardy! (N)	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N)/ (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune (N)	Deal or No Deal Contestants get a chance to win money. (N)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Self-Made" Goren and Eames investigate the death of a novelist.		Law & Order "Driven" (N)		News (N)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)		Late Night With Conan O'Brien Dave Chappelle; Common.		Last Call With Carson Daly Amanda Lund. On Broadway.	Poker After Dark	
FOX (8) WWCP (53) WPGH	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) That '70s Show/ (53) Frasier	(8) Seinfeld/ (53) Two and a Half Men	Seinfeld TV pilot gets the green light.	American Idol Auditions. (N)		The Moment of Truth Participants answer personal questions to win cash. (Series Premiere) (N)		(8) News (N)/ (53) Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10		(8) The King of Queens/ (53) Seinfeld	(8) Frasier/ (53) Scrubs	(8) The Hillz (2004)/ (53) Scrubs "My Two Dads"	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(8) Paid/ Sex and the City	(8) Paid/ Cheaters
(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	On Q	Pioneers of Television "Game Shows" (N)		The Jewish Americans "Home" By the 1950s, discrimination against Jews started to abate; Orthodox Judaism. (N)				Charlie Rose (N)		OnQ Magazine	Tavis Smiley Carl Bernstein.	Nova An impoverished family in Turkey walks for all four.		Frontline	
(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Crowned: The Mother of All Pageants (N)		Gossip Girl Serena and Dan go on their first date.		The 10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	That '70s Show	King of the Hill	South Park	Paid	Paid	Paid
(22) WPMY	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Whacked Out	Whacked Out	Secrets of Street Magicians		TMZ (N)	Frasier	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Paid	Paid	Bernie Mac		My Wife-Kids	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The Time Is Now!		The Time Is Now! Annual fundraiser.								The Time Is Now! Annual fundraiser.							
(59) WBGN	Temptation	Temptation	Degrassi	Reno 911!	The Nanny	Mad Abt. You	Stone Undercover		Cold Squad		Reno 911!	Blind Date	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
A&E	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami "10-7"		CSI: Miami "Wannabe"		CSI: Miami "Deadline"		CSI: Miami "The Oath"		CSI: Miami "Not Landing"		CSI: Miami "Wannabe"		CSI: Miami "Deadline"		CSI: Miami	
ABCFAM	★ ★ Never Been Kissed (1999) A reporter poses as a high-school student.				★ ★ Never Been Kissed (1999) A reporter poses as a high-school student.						The 700 Club		Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
AMC	★ ★ ★ Rio Bravo (1959)				★ ★ ★ ½ The Hunt for Red October (1990)						★ ★ ½ Navy SEALS (1990)					★ ★ Hamburger Hill		
ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter		Profiles of Nature		Killer Bees: Taming Swarm		Ants! Nature's Secret Power		Animal Cops Detroit		Killer Bees: Taming Swarm		Ants! Nature's Secret Power		Animal Cops Detroit		Profiles of Nature	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		BBC World News America		Dancing With the Stars				BBC World News America		Dancing With the Stars				Coupling	World	The Weakest Link	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N)			Movie Special	Motives (2004) A successful businessman cheats on his wife.				American Gangster		Hell Date	Hell Date	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Comicview		BET Late	
BRAVO	Project Runway		Project Runway		Project Runway		Project Runway "On Garde!"		Project Runway (N)		Make Me a Supermodel		Project Runway		Project Runway		The Millionaire Matchmaker	
CMT	Foxworthy's	Foxworthy's	Little Beauties: Kiddie Queen		The 2007 Miss America Pageant From Las Vegas.				Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Little Beauties: Kiddie Queen		Sexiest Southern Men		Sexiest Southern Women		CMT Music	
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow & Company		Fast Money		Michael Eisner		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Mad Money		Michael Eisner		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Paid	Paid
CNN	The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	★ ½ Wagons East! (1994)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert	Futurama	South Park	South Park	Reno 911! (N)	Daily Show	Colbert	South Park	Reno 911!	Daily Show	Colbert	Presents	Presents
COURT	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	Most Shocking (N)		Most Shocking (N)		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Power, Privilege & Justice		Most Shocking		Most Shocking		Forensic Files	Forensic Files
CSPAN	House of Representatives				Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How It's Made	How It's Made	MythBusters		MythBusters "Lead Balloon"		Smash Lab (N)		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters Lead Balloon		Smash Lab	
DISNEY	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	Up, Up and Away (2000)			That's-Raven	That's-Raven	Life Derek	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Replacements	Kim Possible	Emperor New	Dragon	Buzz Light	Timon
E!	Sunset Tan	Chelsea	E! News	The Daily 10	THS Investigates: Inside the Mind of a Serial Killer				Snoop Father	Snoop Father	E! News	Chelsea	The Daily 10	Girl Next Door	America's Next Top Model: True Story			Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter		College Basketball Iowa State at Kansas.				NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at San Antonio Spurs.					SportsCenter			NFL Live (N)	Fastbreak	SportsCenter	
ESPNC	Schwab	Schwab	American Gladiators		Boxing		Who's Number 1?		American Gladiators		Bull Riding: Ride Hard Tour		Boxing	Boxing	Wrestling	Wrestling	Cheap Seats	Arliss
ESPN2	Tennis: Australian Open		College Basketball Georgia Tech at North Carolina State.				Gamenight	Tennis Australian Open -- Women's Semifinals. From Melbourne, Australia.						2007 World Series of Poker		Boxing		
EWTN	It's a Miracle	Stand	Daily Mass: Our Lady		EWTN Live		Super Saints	Holy Rosary	St. Paul in Greece		Faith-Culture	Domestic	Daily Mass: Our Lady		EWTN Live		Domestic	Jesus Christ
FNC	Special Report		Fox Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		Special Report	
FOOD	Minute Meals	Minute Meals	Emeril Live Robin Roberts. (N)		Good Eats	Good Eats	Challenge Seafood chefs.		Dinner	Dinner	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Challenge Seafood chefs.		Dinner	Dinner	Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Final Score	SportsBeat	College Basketball Pittsburgh at St. John's.				College Basketball St. Bonaventure at Duquesne.				Best Damn Top 50 Special		Final Score	Best Damn Top 50 Special		In My Words	Final Score	Final Score
FX	★ ★ Fantastic Four (2005)				★ ★ The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen (2003)					★ ★ The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen (2003)					'70s Show	'70s Show	Paid	Paid
GOLF	British Open Highlights		PGA Championship Highlights		Inside PGA	Golf Central	19th Hole	Top 10	Top 10	19th Hole	Tiger's Clinic	Golf Central	19th Hole	Top 10	Play Lessons	Play Lessons	Golf Hawaii	Golf Central
GSN	Lingo	Whammy	Weakest Link		Be a Millionaire		How Much	Family Feud	Family Feud	Chain	Lingo	Whammy	Be a Millionaire		Trivia Trap	Now You See	High Stakes Poker	
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		Where There's a Will (2006)				Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger	
HGTV	Rezoned (N)	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House	Designed-Sell	Get It Sold	Deserving	Design-Dime	House	Sleep on It (N)	Desperate Sp.	Whats	Designed-Sell	Get It Sold	Deserving	Design-Dime	House	Sleep on It
HIST	Gangland: Aryan Brotherhood		Modern Marvels Butchers.		Life After People				MonsterQuest (N)		Bloodlines: Dracula Family		Life After People				MonsterQuest	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba	Reba	Last Exit (2006)				Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Nanny	Paid
MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		Live With Dan Abrams		MSNBC Reports		Gladiator Days		Countdown-Olbermann		MSNBC Reports		Gladiator Days	
MTV	America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		Real World-Road Rules		True Life Big and beautiful.		Real World-Road Rules		Rob & Big	Rob & Big	Next	Next
NICK	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Zoey 101	Ned's School	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
OXY	★ ★ A Cinderella Story (2004)				Janice Dickinson Modeling		★ ★ A Cinderella Story (2004)				Bad Girls	Bad Girls	The Tyra Banks Show		Husband for Hire (2002)			
PCN	PCN Tours		PA Public Affairs														Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Lynn Cullen Show Talk show.		News	Psychiatric	NightTalk With Ann Devlin		News		NightTalk With Ann Devlin		Honsberger	Fedko Fone	News			Paid	NightTalk With Ann Devlin	
SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Holiday"		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters International		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters International		Ghost Hunters		Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	The X-Files	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed (N)		UFC Fight Night (N)				Pros vs. Joes (N)		UFC Fight Night				Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	
TBS	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Family Guy	Family Guy	House-Payne	House-Payne	House-Payne	House-Payne	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	10 Items-Less	★ What's the Worst That Could Happen? (2001)				★ ★ Major
TCM	★ ★ ★ ½ Harvey (1950)				★ ★ ★ ½ The Fighting 69th (1940)				★ ★ ★ ½ The Gallant Hours (1960)				★ ★ ★ Captains of the Clouds (1942)				★ ★ Devil Dogs of the Air	
TLC	Property Ladder		We Have 15 Children		My Shocking Story: Fat		Dr. G: Medical Examiner		Big Medicine (N)		My Shocking Story: Fat		Dr. G: Medical Examiner		Big Medicine		We Have 15 Children	
TNT	Law & Order "Missing"		Law & Order "Shangri-La"		★ ★ ★ ½ We Were Soldiers (2002)					★ ★ ★ ½ We Were Soldiers (2002)					Without a Trace		Without a Trace	
TOON	Scooby-Doo	Scooby-Doo	Codename	Camp Lazlo	Chowder	George	Jimmy's Head	Gym Partner	Ed, Edd	Naruto	Family Guy	Family Guy	Metalocalypse	Shin Chan	Ghost in Shell	Eureka 7	Family Guy	Family Guy
TRAVEL	Cruise Ship Secrets		ResidenSea: Floating City		Feasty Boys	Food Heavens	RV Crazy!		Treasures	Treasures	ResidenSea: Floating City		Feasty Boys	Food Heavens	RV Crazy!		Treasures	Treasures
TVLAND	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	★ ★ ½ Fletch Lives (1989)				Sanford	Sanford	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Sanford	Sanford
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		NCIS "Sub Rosa"		NCIS "Minimum Security"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		★ ★ ★ Gangs of New York			
VH1	100 Greatest Teen Stars		100 Greatest Teen Stars		100 Greatest Teen Stars		100 Greatest Teen Stars		Scott Baio 46	My Fair Brady	40 Dumbest Celeb Quotes Ever (Joined in Progress)				Web Junk 40		Rock of Love: Bret Michaels	
VS.	NHL Hockey		TapouT		TapouT		★ ½ Caddyshack II (1988)				TapouT		★ ½ Caddyshack II (1988)				TapouT	
WE	Party Mamas	Party Mamas	Party Mamas	Party Mamas	Weddings	Weddings	Fab Wedding	Fab Wedding	Party Mamas	Party Mamas	Hair Trauma	Hair Trauma	Fab Wedding	Fab Wedding	Party Mamas	Party Mamas	Hair Trauma	Hair Trauma
WGN	Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	Funniest Home Videos		Corner Gas	Corner Gas	Becker	Becker	WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner Gas	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		The Steve Wilkos Show	
ENC	★ ★ Silent Hill (2006)				★ ★ ★ A Fish Called Wanda (1988)				★ ★ ★ Carlito's Way (1993)				★ ½ Play It to the Bone (1999)					
HBO	★ ★ ★ ½ Superman Returns (2006)				★ ★ A Good Year (2006)				Inside the NFL (N)		Real Time With Bill Maher		The Wire "Not for Attribution"		Cathouse		★ ★ ★ Cape Fear (1991)	
MAX	★ ★ 8MM (1999)				★ ★ Phat Girlz (2006) Two large women look for love.				★ ★ ½ The Fountain (2006)		Passion Cove		Best Sex Ever Private eye spies on wife.				★ ★ Reno 911!: Miami	
SHOW	★ ★ ★ Dick (1999)				The L Word		The Original Latin Divas of Comedy			★ ★ ½ The Groomsmen (2006)			★ ★ ½ The Confessor (2004)				★ ★ Dangerous Game	
STARZ	The Prestige	★ ★ Underworld: Evolution (2006)				★ ½ Wild Hogs (2007)			Head Case	Hollywd Res.	Head Case	Hollywd Res.	★ ★ ★ Stranger Than Fiction (2006)				★ ★ The Good Girl	
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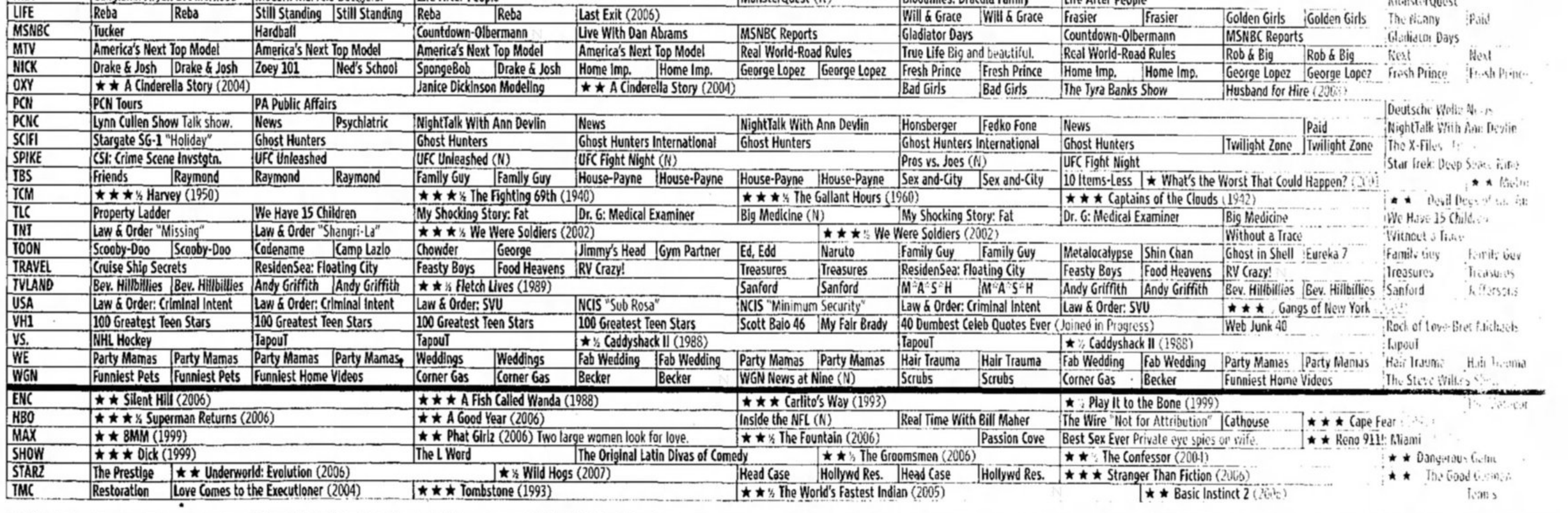

FEATURES

Frugal Living

Show her the love, not the money

Sara **NOEL**

Valentine's Day can be the most frustrating holiday. I see the tension rise as couples scramble to find the perfect romantic gift idea that isn't a cliche or cheap and tacky.

Most can't afford luxury gifts, so the pressure is on to express their love within their means. It seems ridiculous. I feel sorry for some men who have to somehow come through on this single day, but at the same time I feel sorry for women who wait for a sign of affection once a year. In many cases, men simply can't win because some women get selfish and make demands or have high expectations.

In the past, I've offered suggestions such as a candlelit dinner at home, renting movies, homemade desserts or a handwritten letter. While these ideas are great frugal alternatives to traditional Valentine's Day ideas, I decided to get to the heart of the matter and ask frugal women readers what their most romantic moments included, what gifts they don't want and what they wished would happen. The most romantic moments didn't include candy, flowers or jewelry. Most women wanted a heartfelt gesture and to feel valued and connected. I've gathered the most popular responses and ways to help make it special, but it's up to you to pour your heart into it.

THUMBS UP

Compliments: Sincerely compliment her on her appearance, level of care for others or even your home. This can make her feel cherished and appreciated. Test this out with any of the ideas below and you're golden.

Surprise lunch: Taking time out of your busy schedule is spontaneous and unexpected. Sometimes relationships can feel predictable. This is a good way to express yourself and shake things up a bit. Don't talk about work.

Time to sleep in: With family demands, a day to sleep in is a dream come true and rejuvenating. Giving her time to free herself from responsibilities can prevent her from feeling overwhelmed with things to do. She's able to relax.

Play with the kids: Watching you playing with your children can remind her how much she loves you.

Doing a chore she always does: Washing dishes, shopping for groceries, cooking dinner or doing the laundry fits the bill. It's one less thing she has to do, and if you don't help out often enough, the effort scores brownie points.

Sitting through a show she wants to watch: Who would think something as simple as making it through a romantic comedy without complaining or falling asleep could rank as being romantic?

Brushing her hair: Surprisingly, this is often preferred over massages.

Walking and holding hands: If you haven't held hands in years, it's possible she misses the affection. Offer to take a walk together, and take her hand in yours.

Talking about goals: Expressing hopes, dreams, goals and talking about the future shows you care about spending your lives together.

Music: Whether it's a CD in her car, tunes for her iPod, playing music at home while slow dancing or singing a song, you can't go wrong with music. Bonus points if you remember your song.

THUMBS DOWN

A dozen roses: While many love flowers, the cost of roses can sometimes bring out the worst in a woman.

Balloons: Receiving balloons in the workplace is one thing, but walking in the house with a handful of helium and a stuffed animal might make her feel as if she's 4 years old. It's not a birthday or carnival.

A card with just a signature: While a card is thoughtful, don't simply sign it. Take time to share your feelings. Here are some printable love coupons to help: www.frugalvillage.com/love-coupons.shtml. Tuck them into a card or letter.

Lingerie: This can lead to disaster if she hasn't requested it. A mistake such as buying the wrong size will lead to a Valentine's Day she'll never forget — and not in a good way.

Gifts like can openers: While many women love receiving practical gifts, I suggest you wait for her birthday or "just because."

Forget it completely: This is the worst. Even if you're flat broke, there is no excuse for not at least giving a hug and kiss and telling her she's loved.

WEDDINGS

Smith-Palfreyman

Ashley Palfreyman and Jeremy Smith were united in marriage on July 21, 2007, during a 1 p.m. ceremony officiated by the Rev. Thomas O'Neil in St. Hilary Church, Washington, Pa.

The bride was given in marriage by her mother. She is the daughter of Pam and Evan Lucas, of Hayes, Va., and Joseph Palfreyman, of Washington. She is the granddaughter of Betty Palfreyman, of Washington.

The groom is the son of Roger and Marsha Smith, of Fallowfield Township. He is the grandson of Julia Smith, of Charleroi.

Matron of honor was Taura Barr, of Frederick, Md., sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Carly Saxmon and Lauren Hunt, of Washington, and Megan Barrick, of Charlotte, N.C.

Flower girls were Brianna Barr and Shianne Humbles, nieces of the bride, and ring bearer was Colton Vogel, of Washington.

Serving as best man was Chad Wheatly, of Washington, and groomsmen were Robert Barr, of Frederick, brother-in-law of the bride, Christopher Parise, of Charlotte, and Edward Avau, of Fallowfield Township.

A reception was held at the North Franklin Township Fire Hall in Washington.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of Trinity High School in Washington and attended

Ashley and Jeremy Smith

Point Park University in Pittsburgh.

The groom is a 1999 graduate of Charleroi Area High School and a 2003 graduate of Penn State University with a degree in finance and international business.

Both are employed by Bank of America in Charlotte, the bride as an executive assistant, and the groom as a senior investment specialist.

Following a honeymoon in Playa Del Carmen, Mexico, the couple is residing in Clover, S.C.

CRAFT OF THE WEEK

Guidebook makes it easy to get started

Whether you're talking about fashion, furniture, home decor or almost anything else, a classic has a timeless elegance that never goes out of style. Needlecrafters know that this definition even applies to certain crochet projects. A classic afghan worked in basic white always adds a great finishing touch to any room, makes a lovely gift and encourages the fine art of napping like nothing else.

A 16-page guidebook, "Classic White Afghans," makes it easy to get started on a crochet classic of your own. The book features five elegant designs worked in basic white. Each design includes a materials lists and comprehensive, step-by-step instructions.

If you're a beginner or just getting a little rusty, an illustrated guide to the stitches shows you everything you need to know to get started. In addition, the book also includes instructions for how to check stitch gauge (to make sure you're using the correct hook), a guide to abbreviations and symbols, a metric conversion chart and more.

'Crystal lace' afghan

Designs include "Crystal Lace" (pictured), "Alabaster Filet," "Blooming Pineapples," "Summer Lace" and "Gentle Lace & Flowers."

The "Classic White Afghans" guidebook, No. AN1364, is $7.95. You can find six other classic (and quick) afghan projects to crochet in an 18-page guidebook, "Fast-to-Finish Afghans," No. LA3586, also available for $7.95. Please include $4 for postage and handling and allow about two weeks for delivery.

To order by mail, clip this article and send it with a check or money order to U-Bild Features, c/o *The Valley Independent*, 3800 Oceanic Drive, Ste. 107, Oceanside, CA 92056. To order by credit card, call 1-800-828-2453. Visit U-Bild on the Web at craftbook.com.

CALENDAR WATCH

Thursday

■ Seniors for Safe Driving class, Charleroi Senior Center, 8:30 a.m. to noon.

■ Christian Mothers of the Church of St. Anne meeting, parish social hall, 7 p.m.

■ Belle Vernon American Legion Ladies Club meeting, post, 7 p.m.

■ Overeaters Anonymous meeting, Mon Valley Community Health Center, Monessen, 7:30 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Class of 1952 to meet in Donora

Donora High School Class of 1952 will meet 1:15 p.m. Friday at Campa's Restaurant in Donora.

Legion Auxiliary to meet Monday

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 22, of Charleroi, will meet 7 p.m. Monday at the post.

Washington Twp. Seniors to meet

The Washington Township Area Senior Citizens will meet 7 p.m. Monday at the Center on the Hill.

Monongahela, New Eagle plan input sought

Public comment is being sought on the proposed City of Monongahela and New Eagle Borough Joint Comprehensive Plan.

The plan is being sponsored by the the city, the borough and the Monongahela Planning Commission. The 45-day review period ends Feb. 22.

Written comments must be received by 4 p.m. Feb. 22 at Mackin Engineering Co. The plan will be presented in March for possible adoption by city and borough councils.

Copies of the proposed plan are available at the following:

■ Monongahela City Hall, 449 W. Main St., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

■ New Eagle Borough Building, 157 Main Street, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

For information, call Amy Senopole at (412) 788-0472; Ken Kulak at (724) 258-2309 or Paul Pro, at (724) 258-6379.

E-mail can be sent to Senopole at asenopole@mackinengineering.com.

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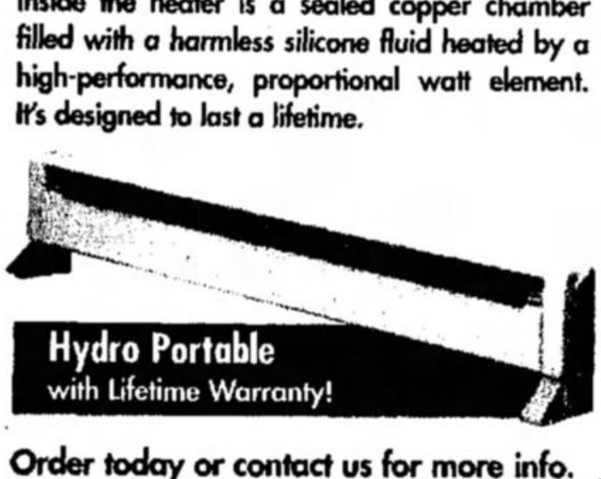

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by Luis Campos

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Today's clue: W equals F

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION — "If the creator had a purpose in equipping us with a neck, he surely meant us to stick it out." -- Arthur Koestler

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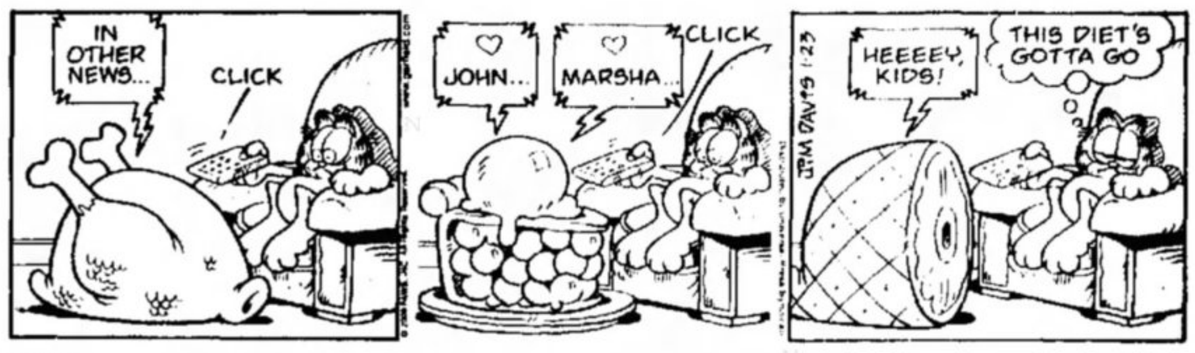
HERE YOU GO!
THAT'S A LARGE?
ISN'T IT CUTE? ALL THE NEW SWEATS ARE CUT LOW AND SNUG ON THE RUAR WITH TEENY, TAPERED JACKETS!
THIS IS NOT A LARGE!!
...OOPS. RIGHT YOU ARE! THIS IS EXTRA-LARGE!
HERE! COVER UP WITH OUR NEW OVERSIZED TEE!

GARFIELD® by Jim Davis



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ZELDA I...
HEY DUMB*@*!.. WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?!
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NOW I'M SORT OF WISHING I HAD JUST E-MAILED HER.

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IS IT A HOITY-TOITY PLACE?
WHAT WOULD THAT BE?
SOMEPLACE WHERE THEY DON'T EVEN GIVE FREE REFILLS OF WATER!
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MY BIGGEST FEAR IS OPENING UP TO OTHERS.
I DON'T WANT TO INVEST MY TIME AND ENERGY IN PEOPLE, ONLY TO BE FORGOTTEN WHEN SOMETHING BETTER COMES ALONG.
WOW, FEELS GOOD TO LET MY GUARD DOWN WITH SOMEONE. THANKS, COW. COW?
WHERE'S BILLY?
WHO?!
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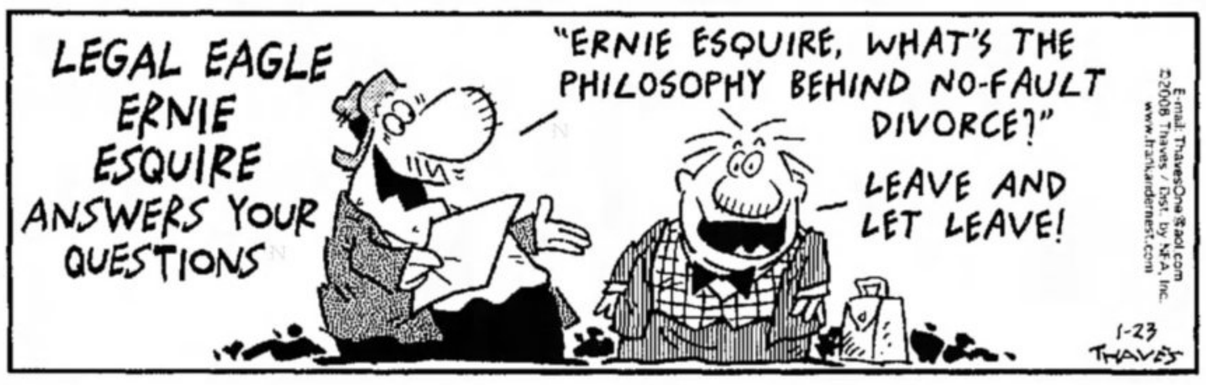

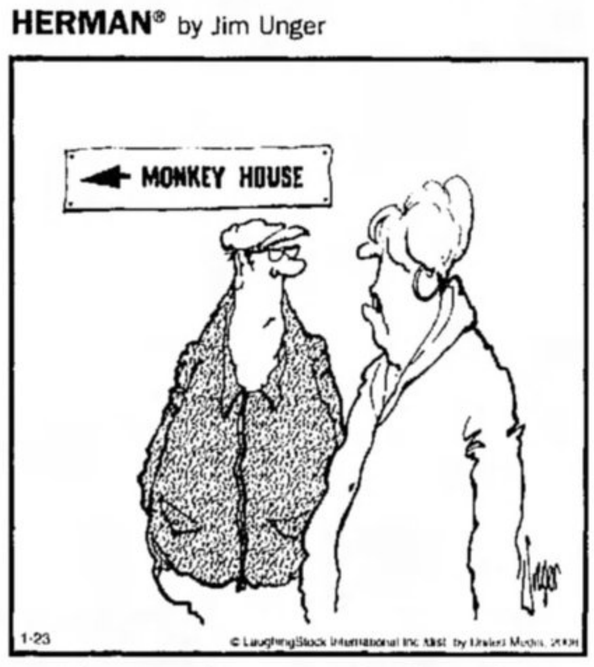

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MR. OOP? CAN YOU TALK?
IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU?
OOOLA!!
I'M SORRY, MR. OOP... WHAT DID YOU SAY?
OOOLA!! NEED... OOOLA!!
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THAT RIFLE SHOT CAME FROM SOMEONE ON THAT PONTOON PLANE...WE'D BETTER GET OFF THE LAKE!
LET'S GET OUT OF SIGHT UNTIL WE LEARN WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!
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The Valley Independent Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 House part
5 Moisten with drippings
10 One under par
12 Loose robe
13 Put stress on
14 Herons
15 Receptions
16 Drag race participant
18 Startled cries
19 IOUs
21 Hoisting machine
25 Water or oil
29 Showered with love
31 Less empty
33 Midnight rider
34 Rebel's foe
35 Carpentry job
37 Keeps on going
38 Memo (hyph.)
40 U.K. filers
43 Talented
44 Spillane's — Hammer
48 More risky
50 Dropped syllables
52 Raid
53 Brickworkers
54 Trattoria sauce
55 Young equine

DOWN

1 Pilaf base
2 Porpoise relative
3 Byron's works
4 Fish organ
5 Hobby, slangily
6 Dated hairdo
7 Rabbit dish
8 Makes lace
9 Coast Guard off.
10 Dracula, at times
11 Inscribe indelibly
12 Guarantee
17 Catch cold
19 Pierre's sweetie
20 Rough weather
21 Hostilities
22 Unlucky time
23 Exploding star
24 Yacht squad
26 Longest arm
27 Varieties
28 Bug repellent
30 Hamlet's realm
32 Legal matter
36 Fence flaw
39 Particular
40 Ceremony
41 Doesn't hesitate
42 Edict
44 Japanese soup
45 Elvis, e.g.
46 Ohio college town
47 Newspaper execs
48 Skip stones
49 Author Umberto —
51 Shellac resin

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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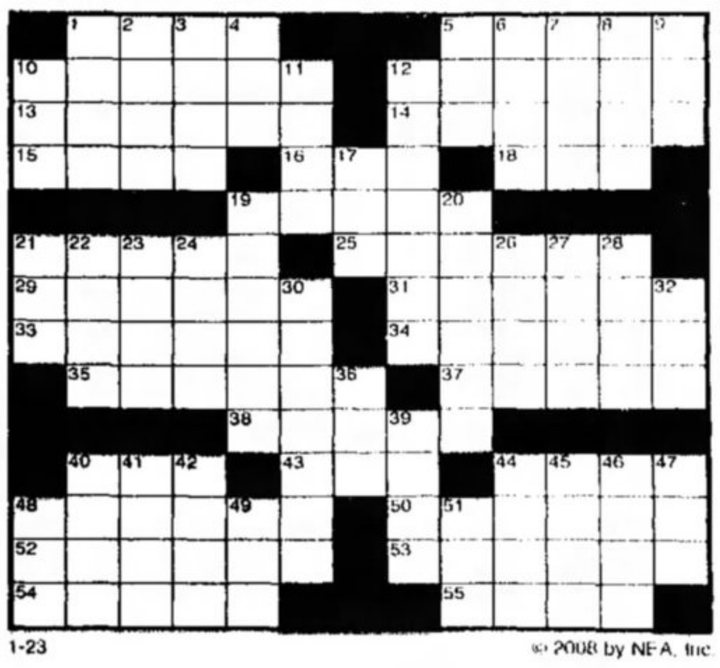

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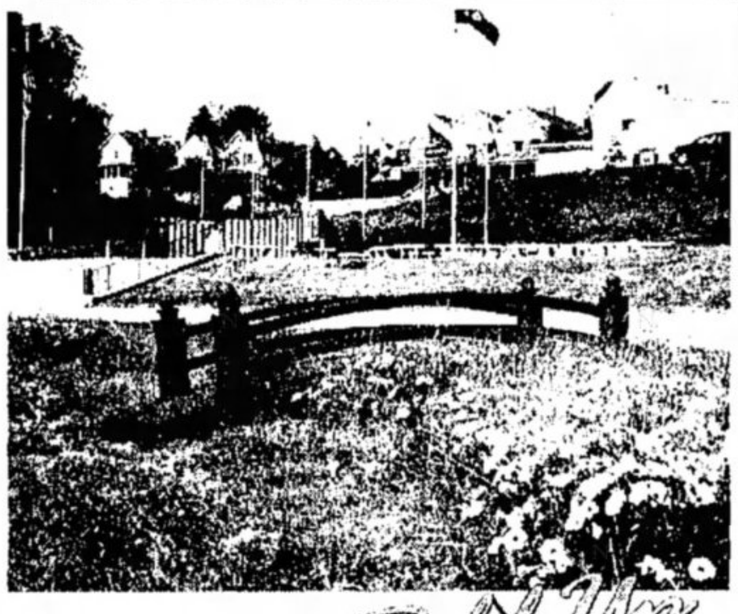

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Deems, Clara Lee Etta
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Giffin, Harry E.
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JAMES W. HAINES, JR.
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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MONONGAHELA, PA 15063

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- You have the ability to turn contrary situations into opportunities by extending your hand of friendship to the very ones who oppose what you represent. It pays to go the extra distance.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Although you normally prefer to have control of situations that affect you, you may be more inclined at this time to let others have the upper hand. You will enjoy playing the supportive role.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- If you get serious about things, you will not only finish everything on your desk but you'll make some important adjustments that will improve your efficiency as well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- People you encounter will respond exceptionally well to you because they will sense that you treasure their good points and aren't interested in their faults. They'll appreciate your fairness and kindness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- You will recognize that several things in your personal life require a bit of work, and you are now prepared to do whatever it takes to improve upon them. You will no longer put things off.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Remember, actions are always appreciated and remembered longer than merely paying lip service to important issues. Once you recognize this, you'll handle things in a manner that will gain acceptance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- You will uncover several somewhat camouflaged channels that can be tapped into -- which could lead to personal gain -- but you will still need the backbone to go after them. This is no time to show timidity.

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2. Color or black/white 4x6 photos will be accepted. Photos can not be returned, but will be available for pick up from April 1, 2008 through April, 30, 2008 at the Valley Independent.
3. All entries must be received by 4:30 pm on Thursday Jan. 31, 2008
4. Only one pet per photo and one photo per entry will be accepted. We will not accept any photo containing humans.
5. Valley Independent readers will cast their votes for their favorite pet photos by ballots made available in the Valley Independent publication, online at http://www.valleyindependent.com/ or at the main lobby of the Valley Independent.
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Keith A Bassi
P O Box 144
111 Fallowfield Avenue
Charleroi, PA 15022
Administrator DBNCTA

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P O Box 144
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1/16,23,30

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Reed, Paul
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Dorothy S Reed
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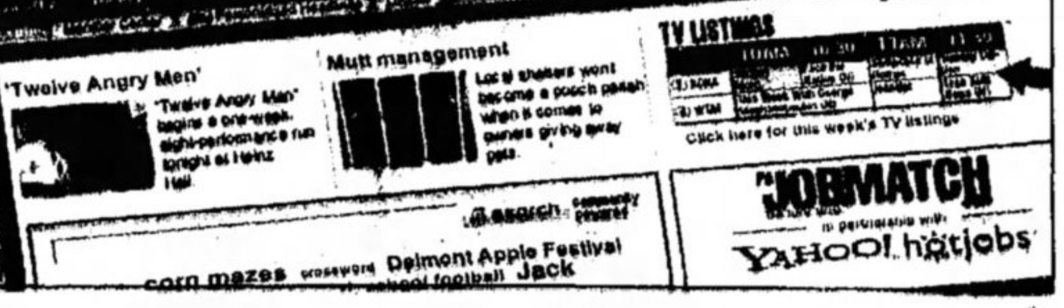
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